

Chapter 8: African-American Blackledge Families

Introduction

This genealogical reference book would fail to live up to its title should it not include data on every known line of Americans bearing the Blackledge name (or its many known variations). Certainly, some of the lines in the preceding chapters include children of various races through adoption or as the progeny of mixed marriages.

The primary intent of placing identifiable African-American Blackledges in a separate chapter is to avoid any assumption that surname and location coincidences indicate blood relationships. As stated in Chapter 1, two families may trace their lines back to the same slaveholder without assuming kinship since some emancipated freedmen in 1865 retained the happenstance surname link to their past. Assumption of blood relationships would be as offensive to some who took the Blackledge surname as its antithesis – the refusal of some to recognize verified kinship. Furthermore, although we have seen the Blackledge/Blackledge/Blackleach surname traced back to English roots in the preceding chapters, that may not be the expected delineation with the African-American Blackledge families.

Records can be found of former slaves selecting their surname to be that of former masters. In this chapter, an anecdotal report notes that according to the Rev. Sylvester C. Blackledge of North Carolina, his grandfather Czar Blackledge was a slave of William Blackledge about 1815 or 1820, and Czar adopted the Blackledge name. The compilers found similar accounts related to Liberia, beginning in 1820 when the American Colonization Society began sending black volunteers to the Pepper Coast to establish a colony for freed American blacks. One account: on 7 Jul 1843, some 274 emigrants left Norfolk, VA, sailing for Liberia aboard the ship **Mariposa**, arriving in Monrovia on 21 Aug 1843.¹ These emigrants were from the six states we list in this chapter, plus Florida, Illinois, and the territory of Iowa. The group included fourteen former slaves liberated by the will of the late Thos. BLACKLEDGE, Esquire, of North Carolina, who were not only supplied by this will with the means of emigration, but also with eight hundred dollars to enable them to “commence with comfort and cheerfulness, their new mode of life.”

Another site provides a roll of the emigrants sent to the colony of Liberia, interestingly on the ship **Maripose**, arriving on 21 Aug 1842. The roll includes the following Blackledges from South Carolina, liberated from Dr. Thomas Blackledge: Abraham (age 33), Ellen (31), and the children Maria (12), Tobias (5), Mary (3), and Dink (2).² These similarities are striking – especially considering the following:

Letters from Liberia were provided by Sarah Josepha Hale (1788-1879), one of 19th-century America's most prolific and important women of letters. She wrote novels and poems (including "Mary Had a Little Lamb," 1830). At the end of her novel *Liberia; or, Mr. Peyton's Experiment*, the Appendix includes a

¹ The web site *The Ships List* provides this account taken from *The African Repository, and Colonial Journal* (later just *The African Repository*) – <http://www.theshipslist.com/ships/Arrivals/liberia.shtml>

² Transcribed from “*Information relative to the operations of the United States squadron on the west coast of Africa, the condition of the American colonies there, and the commerce of the United States therewith*,” 28th Congress, 2d. Session, S. Doc. 150, serial 458.

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batch of letters identified as from former American slaves now living in Liberia, one of which is Abraham Blackledge writing back to his church from Upper Caldwell, Liberia, dated 8 May 1852, having been in Liberia, he states, between 9 and 10 years. An excerpt: “I am certainly fully convinced that by industry a man may have all the necessities of life, and a surfeit of the luxuries, in this very prolific and God-blessed country. I have the privilege, doubtless, of saying what no other person can say in Liberia—certainly before any other could say it, if there is any other who can say it now—that is, I use at my table coffee, sugar, sirup[sic], and molasses of my own raising. I have now about twenty-five hundred coffee-trees, which will very soon enable me to export a small quantity to America.” So is this Abraham Blackledge the same as listed earlier on the *Mariposa* ...or the *Mariposa*? 1842 or 1843? South Carolina or North Carolina? An interesting sidebar requiring more research!

The compilers were unable to collect sufficient data on African-American Blackledges to justify a separate chapter in the first edition. Only a few responders chose to identify themselves by race. In many cases the requisite three generations of data had not been acquired. Fortunately, some African-Americans subsequently have found the compilers’ website and sought assistance in tracing their roots and subsequently contributed information on their lines. It is hoped that this chapter will not only prove of assistance but also encourage more Blackledges self-identifying themselves as African-Americans to share information on their heritage.

Since our knowledge is limited to relatively few African-American lines, we have chosen to list them under the line’s progenitor similar to the format of Chapter 7. With some progenitors, however, so little is known that we have grouped their line either with its predominant geographical location, under the first known state in which the family settled, or where most of the children were born. We have six state groupings so recognized, with two (AL and NC) broken out by counties:

Alabama – Hale Co

Betty/Betsy Blackledge

Alabama – Mobile Co

Blackledge

Charles Henry Blackledge

Charlie Blackledge

Eliza Blackledge

Ervin Blackledge

Tom Blackledge

Willie G. Blackledge

Alabama – Sumter Co

Fred Blackledge

California

Blackledge

Louisiana

Charlie Blackledge

Old Man Muigo Blackledge

Missouri

Charles Blackledge

North Carolina – Beaufort Co

Cain Blackledge

Cornelius “Neil” Blackledge

Sabre

North Carolina – Craven Co

David Blackledge

Eddie Blackledge

Henry Blackledge

Margaret Blackledge

Mary E. Blackledge

Rachel Blackledge

North Carolina – New Hanover Co

C. Blackledge

Czar Blackledge

Tennessee

Bert L. Blackledge

Alabama – Hale Co

Descendants of Betty/Betsy Blackledge

First Generation

1. **Betty/Betsy BLACKLEDGE** was born in AL.¹ Her daughter, Adelaide Blackledge Broadnax had two transcripts of her death record; one gave her mother's name as Betty Blackledge and the other as Betsy Blackledger, both born in AL. No father's name was given on Adelaide's death record.

Betty/Betsy BLACKLEDGE had the following children:

- +2 i. **Adelaide BLACKLEDGE**, born about 1860, AL¹; married J. "Dee" BROADNAX, on 5 Jan 1878, Perry Co, AL¹⁻³; died on 24 Jul 1925, Newbern, Hale Co, AL¹.

Second Generation

2. **Adelaide BLACKLEDGE** was born about 1860 in AL.¹ She was called Adelaide Blackledge on her marriage record, Adalade Broadenax [mother Betty Blackledge] on one death record and Adalade Broadinox [mother Betsy Blackledger] on a second death record, Adelane Brodnax in the 1880 Census, and Adelaide Blackledge on her daughter Eliza's death record. She died on 24 Jul 1925 in Newbern, Hale Co, AL.¹ There were two death records for Adalade [sic] Broadenax that gave this as her death date. She was buried in AL.¹ One death record said she was buried on 26 Jul 1925 in Newbern, Hale Co, AL, while the other death record said she was buried on 24 Jul 1925 in Mt. Crasy.

Adelaide BLACKLEDGE and J. "Dee" BROADNAX married on 5 Jan 1878 in Perry Co, AL.¹⁻³ D. Broadnax and Adelaide Blackledge [sic] were married by John Sawyer, Minister of the Gospel. **J. "Dee" BROADNAX** was born about 1857 in Newbern, Hale Co, AL.^{1,2} He appeared in the census in 1880 in Laneville, Hale Co, AL. Dee Brodnax [sic] (23, Black, farm laborer) and his wife Adelane [sic] (18, Mulatto, keeping house) have their son Samuel (1, Black) living with them. All were born in AL. He appeared in the census in 1920 in Mount Vernon Twp, Mobile Co, AL. He is probably the Dee Broadnax (58, Black, occupation unknown) who was a patient in The Searcy Hospital, a psychiatric facility. He died on 16 May 1927 in Mount Vernon, Mobile Co, OH.⁴ The death record for Dee Broodnox [sic] showed he was married and a farmer who lived in Nylam [Wylam?], AL. He was buried on 18 May 1927 in Hospital Cemetery, Mount Vernon, Mobile Co, AL.⁴ Adelaide BLACKLEDGE and J. "Dee" BROADNAX had the following children:

- 3 i. **Samuel BROADNAX** was born about 1879 in AL.²
- +4 ii. **Eliza BROADNAX**, born in Dec 1881, Newbern, Hale Co, AL⁵; married George POPE, about 1897⁵; died on 15 Dec 1936, Wylam, Jefferson Co, AL¹.

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Third Generation

4. **Eliza BROADNAX** was born in Dec 1881 in Newbern, Hale Co, AL.⁵ Eliza Brodmax [sic] Pope's death record shows her parents as D. Brodmax [sic] and Adelaide Blackledge, both born in Newbern, AL, and her spouse is Geo. Pope. She died on 15 Dec 1936 in Wylam, Jefferson Co, AL.¹ She was buried on 20 Dec 1936 in Roberts Cemetery, Roberts, AL.¹

Eliza BROADNAX and George POPE married about 1897.⁵ **George POPE** was born in 1877 in AL.⁵ He appeared in the census in 1900 in Jefferson Co, AL. George Pope (23, born in 1877, married for 3 years, coal miner) and his wife Eliza (18, born in Dec 1881, married 3 years) have their daughter Adelaide (1, born in May 1899) living with them. He appeared in the census in 1920 in Jefferson Co, AL. George Pope (46, Black male, laborer in a coal mine) and his wife Eliza (33, Black female) have their unmarried children living with them: Adelaide (20), William D. (19, laborer in a coal mine), Gertrude (14), and George B. (6). Laura Nolan (17, single Black female, no occupation) is boarding with them. Eliza BROADNAX and George POPE had the following children:

- 5 i. **Adelaide POPE** was born in May 1899 in AL.⁵
- 6 ii. **William D. POPE** was born about 1901 in AL.⁶
- 7 iii. **Gertrude POPE** was born about 1906 in AL.⁶
- 8 iv. **George B. POPE** was born about 1914 in AL.⁶

Sources for Report: Descendants of Betty/Betsy Blackledge

1. Alabama, Deaths and Burials Index, 1881-1974, Ancestry.com online database.
2. 1880 Federal Census.
3. Alabama, Marriage Collection 1800-1969, Ancestry.com.
4. Alabama Deaths, 1908-1974, FamilySearch.org.
5. 1900 Federal Census.
6. 1920 Federal Census.

Alabama – Mobile Co

Descendants of Blackledge

First Generation

1. **BLACKLEDGE** was born in NC.^{13,3}

Chloe WRIGHT was born about 1834 in NC.^{1,2} She appeared in the census in 1870 in Coffeetown,

Clarke Co, AL. Chloe Wright (37, keeping house, born in NC, cannot read or write) has these children living with her: William Blacklege [sic] (5, born in AL), Sylvia Blacklege [sic] (4, born in AL), and Isabella James (8, born in AL). No relationships are stated in the 1870 Census. She appeared in the census in 1880 in Coffeerville, Clarke Co, AL. Chloe Wright (45, widow, born in NC) has these people living with her: Harrison Callis (son, 26, single, born in AL, farming), Margaret Reed (daughter, 15, single, born in AL, works on farm), and William Blackledge (son, 17, single, born in AL, laborer). BLACKLEDGE and Chloe WRIGHT had the following children:

- +2 i. **William BLACKLEDGE**, born about 1865, AL³; married Elizabeth, about 1891³.
- 3 ii. **Sylvia BLACKLEDGE** was born about 1866 in AL.¹ She appeared with her mother and brother William only in the 1870 Census. Nothing more is known about her.

Second Generation

2. **William BLACKLEDGE** was born about 1865 in AL.³ He appeared in the census in 1910 in Kesters, Mobile Co, AL. William Blackledge (41, tinner) and his wife of 18 years Lizzie (37, laundress) have their daughter Martha (15) living with them. He appeared in the census in 1920 in Wilmington, New Castle Co, DE. William Blacklege [sic] (48, born in AL, father born in NC and mother in AL, boiler maker for the railroad) and his wife Lizzie Blackledge (38, she and both her parents born in AL) have these people living with them: daughter Martha Jones (22, born in AL), son-in-law Alexander Jones (40, he and both his parents born in VA, shoemaker in a shoe shop), grandson Willis Jones (8/12, born in DE), and a boarder, Florence Austin (21, born in DE, cook in a restaurant). He appeared in the census in 1930 in Wilmington, New Castle Co, DE. William Blackledge (65, Negro, married the first time at age 28, born in AL, both parents born in NC, laborer for the railroad) and his wife Elizabeth Blackledge (54, Negro, married the first time at age 16, she and both parents born in AL) have their daughter Martha Jones (30, widow, born in AL) and grandchildren, Willis Jones (11, born in DE), Joseph Jones (10, born in DE), Loullia Jones (4, born in DE), and Jacob Jones (3, born in DE) living with them.

William BLACKLEDGE and Elizabeth married about 1891.³ **Elizabeth** was born about 1876 in AL.^{3,4} She was called Elizabeth in the 1930 Census, but Elizzie on her son Henry's marriage record. William BLACKLEDGE and Elizabeth had the following children:

- +4 i. **Henry C. BLACKLEDGE**, born on 17 Sep 1890, Mobile, Mobile Co, AL⁵⁻⁹; married Louella CLARK, on 8 Nov 1917, Wilmington, New Castle Co, DE^{4,10}; died on 1 Jul 1957^{7,8,11}.
- +5 ii. **Martha BLACKLEDGE**, born about 1895, AL^{3,12,13}; married Alexander JONES¹³.

Third Generation

4. **Henry C. BLACKLEDGE** was born on 17 Sep 1890 in Mobile, Mobile Co, AL.⁵⁻⁹ His middle initial was given in the 1921 Wilmington, DE, City Directory. He registered for the WW I draft on 5 Jun 1917 in Wilmington, New Castle Co, DE.⁶ At that time, Henry was single; was a laborer for Pusey & Jones

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Company in Wilmington, DE; lived at 408 Townsend St, Wilmington; and supported his father, mother, and sister (17 yrs old). He appeared in the census in 1930 in Christana, New Castle Co, DE. Henry Blackledge (38, married, laborer doing road work) and his wife Louella (35) have their son William Blackledge (11, born in DE) living with them. He appeared in the census in 1940 in Homestead, New Castle Co, DE. Henry Blackledge (49, married, completed 4 years of school, road construction laborer) and his wife Louella (45, completed 3 years of school) have their son William Blackledge (21, single, completed 2 years of school, no occupation shown) living with them. He died on 1 Jul 1957.^{7,8,11} He was buried in Beverly National Cemetery, Beverly, Burlington Co, NJ.^{8,11} (Section L, Site 2997). He served in the U.S. Army in WW I.^{8,11} Henry was a Pvt. and served from 31 July 1918 till 19 June 1919.

Henry C. BLACKLEDGE and Louella CLARK married on 8 Nov 1917 in Wilmington, New Castle Co, DE.^{4,10} The marriage certificate showed Henry Blackledge was 26 years old, son of William Blackledge and Elizzie [or Elizza] Blackledge, and Luella Clark was 23 years old, daughter of John Clark and Sarah Clark. Both Henry and Luella were born in AL and this was a first marriage for both. **Louella CLARK** (daughter of John CLARK and Sarah) was born about 1895 in AL.¹⁰ Henry C. BLACKLEDGE and Louella CLARK had the following children:

6 i. **William BLACKLEDGE** was born about 1919 in DE.¹⁰

5. **Martha BLACKLEDGE** was born about 1895 in AL.^{3,12,13} She was 15 years old in the 1910 Census, 22 years old in the 1920 Census, and 30 years old in the 1930 Census. She and her four children, Willis, Joseph, Loullia, and Jacob Jones, were with her parents in the census in Wilmington, New Castle Co, DE in 1930.³

Martha BLACKLEDGE and Alexander JONES married.¹³ **Alexander JONES** was born about 1880 in VA.¹³ Martha BLACKLEDGE and Alexander JONES had the following children:

7 i. **Willis JONES** was born about 1919 in DE.^{3,13}
 8 ii. **Joseph JONES** was born about 1920 in DE.³
 9 iii. **Loullia JONES** was born about 1926 in DE.³
 10 iv. **Jacob JONES** was born about 1927 in DE.³

Sources for Report: Descendants of Blackledge

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7. Find A Grave database, online.
8. U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, online nationwide gravesite locator.
9. U.S. City Directories, Ancestry.com.
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11. Beverly National Cemetery Burials. Beverly, Burlington Co, NJ. Internet information.

12. 1910 Federal Census.
13. 1920 Federal Census.

Descendants of Charles Henry Blackledge

First Generation

1. **Charles Henry BLACKLEDGE** was born in May 1871 in AL.¹ He appeared in the census in 1880 in Portland, Dallas Co, AL. It is believed that he is the Chas. Blackledge (10, Black, born in AL) shown as a nephew in the household of Isam (25, farmer) and Judy (21, laborer) Claiborne and their daughter Silvia (2). He appeared in the census in 1900 in Mobile, Mobile Co, AL. Charley Blackledge (29, born in May 1871 in AL, both parents born in AL, Black, married 8 years, baker) and his wife Laccina (26, born in Apr 1874 in AL, both parents born in AL, married 8 years, mother of 3 children with only 1 still living, school teacher) have their son Charles (6, born in Dec 1893 in AL) with them.

Charles Henry BLACKLEDGE and Laccina JONES married on 20 Jul 1892 in Mobile Co, AL.² They were called Charles Henry Blackridge and Larsena Jones, maiden over 18 years of age, on the marriage record. **Laccina JONES** was born in Apr 1874 in AL.¹ She was called Larsena on the marriage record, Laccina in the 1900 Census, and Larcewa on her son Charles' death record. Charles Henry BLACKLEDGE and Laccina JONES had the following children:

- +2 i. **Charles BLACKLEDGE**, born on 22 Sep 1895, Mobile, Mobile Co, AL^{3,4}; married Claudia MAY, on 14 Jan 1918, Mobile Co, AL^{3,5}; died on 4 Oct 1926, Crichton, Mobile Co, AL³.

Second Generation

2. **Charles BLACKLEDGE** was born on 22 Sep 1895 in Mobile, Mobile Co, AL.^{3,4} The 1900 Census gave his birthdate as Dec 1893, and he said he was born 22 Sep 1893 in Mobile, AL, when he registered for the WW I draft. He was single and a pressman for Hawes Printing Company when he registered for the WW I draft in Mobile Co, AL on 5 Jun 1917.⁴ He appeared in the census in 1920 in Napoleonville, Mobile Co, AL. Charlie Blackledge (27, beaterman for a pepper mill) was with his wife Claudie May Blackledge (20, cook) and mother Flora Blackledge (60, born in AL, widow, no occupation). [Note: This Flora Blackledge would have been born abt 1860 and would have been only abt 11 years old when Charlie's father was born. But she could be Charlie's paternal grandmother if her age is a few years off in this census. Or, she might be a second wife of Charlie's father. She was not found in other census records.] He worked as a janitor in 1926.³ He died on 4 Oct 1926 in Crichton, Mobile Co, AL.³ The death record for Charlie Blackledge shows him born on 22 Sep 1895, died 4 Oct 1926 in Crichton, Mobile Co, AL, and the son of Chas. Blackledge and Larcewa [sic] Blackledge. He was buried in Lincoln Cemetery.³

Charles BLACKLEDGE and Claudia MAY married on 14 Jan 1918 in Mobile Co, AL.^{3,5} The marriage

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record for Charles Blackledge, 25, paper feeder, and Claudia May, maiden over 18 years of age, cook, shows this is a first marriage for each. **Claudia MAY** (daughter of Henry JACKSON and Gennie STEINE) was born about 1904 in Mobile, Mobile Co, AL.^{3,5,6} The marriage record shows her name as Claudia May, while her daughter Grace's death record calls her Claudia Jackson. Claudie Blackledge's death record says she was the daughter of Henry Jackson and Gennie Steine and spouse of Charlie Blackledge. She died on 14 Sep 1936 in Crichton, Mobile Co, AL.^{3,7} Charles BLACKLEDGE and Claudia MAY had the following children:

- 3 i. <unnamed infant> **BLACKLEDGE** was born on 30 Aug 1920 in Cincinnati, Hamilton Co, OH.⁶ He died stillborn.⁶
- 4 ii. **Grace BLACKLEDGE** was born about 1921.³ She died on 10 Dec 1921 in Crichton, Mobile Co, AL.³
- 5 iii. <baby> **BLACKLEDGE** was born on 29 Jun 1924.³ <baby> BLACKLEDGE died on 30 Jun 1924 in Crichton, Mobile Co, AL.³

Sources for Report: Descendants of Charles Henry Blackledge

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7. Alabama Deaths, 1908-59. Ancestry.com online database.

Descendants of Charlie Blackledge

First Generation

1. **Charlie BLACKLEDGE**¹ was born in Mobile, Mobile Co, AL.¹

Mary COOPER¹ was born in Mobile, Mobile Co, AL.¹ Charlie BLACKLEDGE and Mary COOPER had the following children:

- +2 i. **Charles BLACKLEDGE**, born in Sep 1872, Mobile, Mobile Co, AL^{1,2}; married Mary JENKINS³; died on 28 Jul 1924, Cincinnati, OH^{1,2}.

Second Generation

2. **Charles BLACKLEDGE** was born in Sep 1872 in Mobile, Mobile Co, AL.^{1,2} The death certificate for Charles Blackridge [sic] showed him born in Sep 1872 in Mobile, AL, son of Charlie Blackledge and Mary Cooper who were both born in Mobile, AL. He appeared in the census in 1910 in Napoleonville, Mobile Co, AL. Charlie Blackford [sic] (40, born in AL, farm laborer) is with these people who all are listed with the Blackford surname and all born in AL: his wife Mary (40, married one time for 19 years, mother of 9 children with 9 living), [step]daughter Lela (18), [step]daughter Louise (16), [step]daughter Ada (14), [step]daughter Alberta (12), [step]daughter Mary (10), son Jerome (8), son Buster (6), son Redwood (4), and son Baby (1/12). He died of acute nephritis [kidney disease] on 28 Jul 1924 in Cincinnati, OH.^{1,2} That was the date and place shown on the death certificate for Charles Blackridge [sic]. Alberta Mitchel was the informant for the certificate which said Charles was the proprietor of a rooming house; the widower of Mary Blackridge [sic]; the son of Charlie Blackledge and Mary Cooper, both born in Mobile, AL. The certificate also showed that Charles Blackridge [sic] and Alberta Mitchel both resided at 808 Kenyon Ave. in Cincinnati, OH. He was buried on 1 Aug 1924 in Union Baptist Cemetery.¹

Charles BLACKLEDGE and Mary JENKINS married.³ **Mary JENKINS** (daughter of Benjamin JENKINS and Paralee BYRD) was born on 5 Oct 1883 in Mobile, Mobile Co, AL.² She is believed to be the Mary (born Oct 1873 [sic] shown married to Elijah Cooper in the census taken in Mobile, Mobile Co, AL on 12 Jun 1900. That family is listed immediately after Charles and Laccina Blackledge, and includes Elijah (29, born Dec 1870) and Mary (26, born Oct 1873) Cooper, and four of their five daughters: Lela (8), Ada (4), Albertie (2), and Mary (5/12). Mary Jenkins Cooper later married Charles Blackledge and the Cooper children bear the Blackledge surname in the 1910 Census [Lela (18), Louisa (16), Ada (14), Alberta (12), Mary (10)]. Louisa was not listed with Elijah and Mary Cooper in the 1900 Census, but the death record for Louise Cooper showed her born abt 1894 in AL; died 19 May 1914 in Millville, Mobile Co, AL; single; colored; daughter of Eliger [sic] Cooper and Mary Blackledge. By Louise's death in 1914, her mother had already married Charles Blackledge and thus she was listed as Mary Blackledge on her daughter's death record. Research needs to be done to establish if the Charles Blackledge (born in May 1871 - 1900 Census) who was married to Laccina Jones is the same Charles Blackledge (born in Sep 1872 - death certificate, Family information sheet by Jerome Blackledge) who married Mary Jenkins Cooper.

She appeared in the census in 1920 in Napoleonville, Mobile Co, AL. Mary Blackledge (43, hotel maid) is with her children, all single and born in AL and all having the surname Blackledge: Lela Cooper (24, hotel maid), daughter Willie (11), Irma Lee (9), George (13), and Jerome (16). Mary Blackledge's marital status on this census looked like Wd that had been marked over with a D, suggesting that she was divorced. She was called Mary Jenkins on her son George's death record in 1941 and her death record in 1947.³ She died on 28 Jul 1947 in Chicago, Cook Co, IL.² The death record in Chicago, IL, for Mary Blackledge showed her as the daughter of Benjamin Jenkins, born in Charleston, SC, and Paralee Byrd, born in Utah, AL, and her spouse was Charles Blackledge. She was buried on 2 Aug 1947 in Lincoln Cemetery, Worth, Cook, Co, IL.³ Charles BLACKLEDGE and Mary JENKINS had the following children:

- +3 i. **Jerome BLACKLEDGE**, born on 26 Aug 1903, Mobile, Mobile Co, AL^{2,4,5}; married Isie-Lee COOPER, on 6 Jan 1950, Cook Co, IL⁶; died on 20 Jun 1972, Cook Co, IL^{4,7}.
- 4 ii. **George Leon BLACKLEDGE** was born on 9 Jul 1905 in Mobile, Mobile Co, AL.^{3,5} George was shown as 13 years old in the 1920 Census with his mother Mary Blackledge. He died on 20 Apr 1941 in Chicago, Cook Co, IL.³ The death record for George Leon Blackledge lists his parents as Charles Blackledge and Mary Jenkins, both born in AL. The record says George was single and a bellman who lived in Chicago, Cook Co, IL. He was buried on 25 Apr 1941 in Lincoln Cemetery, Worth, Cook, Co, IL.³

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- 5 iii. **Willie BLACKLEDGE** was born about 1908 in AL.⁵ Willie was shown as 11 years old in the 1920 Census.
- +6 iv. **Irma Lee BLACKLEDGE**, born on 16 Mar 1909^{5,8}; married Gilbert BRIBIESCA, about 1927⁹; married Thomas Marcus BLOUNT⁸.
- 7 v. **Leo BLACKLEDGE** was born before 29 Apr 1911.¹⁰ He died on 29 Apr 1911 in Crichton, Mobile Co, AL.¹⁰ The death record for Leo Blackledge showed he was 0 years old and his parents were Chas. and Mary Blackledge, but it still needs to be proved that he was the son of this Charles and Mary (Jenkins) Blackledge.
- +8 vi. **Lucille Odessa BLACKLEDGE**.

Third Generation

3. **Jerome BLACKLEDGE** was born on 26 Aug 1903 in Mobile, Mobile Co, AL.^{2,4,5} On a family information sheet to David W. Blackledge in 1964, Jerome Blackledge listed his parents as Charles Blackledge [sic] who was born in Mobile, AL and died in Cincinnati, OH, and Mary Jenkins who was born in Mobile, AL and died 28 Jul 1947 in Chicago, IL. He lived at 1127 S. Francisco Av in Chicago, IL about 1965.² At that time Jerome wrote to David W. Blackledge: *"I have no other information concerning my relatives as I am a negro therefore I can't trace my ancestors only as far as slavery."* In 1964, his family resided at Chicago, IL. He died on 20 Jun 1972 in Cook Co, IL.^{4,7}

Jerome BLACKLEDGE and Isie-Lee COOPER married on 6 Jan 1950 in Cook Co, IL.⁶ **Isie-Lee COOPER** was born on 3 Nov 1917 in Greenwood, MS.^{2,4} She died in May 1991.⁴ Jerome BLACKLEDGE and Isie-Lee COOPER had the following children:

- 9 i. **Jerome BLACKLEDGE** was born on 19 Feb 1950 in Chicago, IL.²
- 10 ii. **Dante BLACKLEDGE** was born on 6 Apr 1953 in Chicago, IL.²

6. **Irma Lee BLACKLEDGE**⁸ was born on 16 Mar 1909.^{5,8} She was shown as Irma Lee Blackledge, 9 years old in the 1920 Census; and as Erma Bribieseca, 20 years old in the 1930 Census.

FRITZGERALD. Irma Lee BLACKLEDGE and FRITZGERALD had the following children:

- 11 i. **Lewis FRITZGERALD** was born about 1925 in IL.¹¹
- 12 ii. **Jerome V. FRITZGERALD** was born on 8 Mar 1927 in Chicago, Cook Co, IL.^{4,9,12} He died 17 Dec 2003 in Country Club Hills, Cook Co, IL.^{4,12}

Irma Lee BLACKLEDGE and Gilbert BRIBIESCA married about 1927.⁹ **Gilbert BRIBIESCA** was born about 1907 in Mexico.⁹ He appeared in the census in 1930 in Chicago, Cook Co, IL. Gilbert (23, born in Mexico, laborer in a glass factory) and his wife Erma (20, born in AL) Bribieseca [sic] and their son Gilbert Bribiesca [sic] Jr. (1-6/12, born in IL) are in the household of her brother-in-law and sister Elize C. and Ada Henderson. Her mother, Mary Blackledge and 6 other children are also living with them. Irma Lee BLACKLEDGE and Gilbert BRIBIESCA had the following children:

- 13 i. **Gilbert George BRIBIESCA Jr.** was born on 28 Nov 1928 in IL.^{9,11} He was 1-6/12 years old in the census taken on 4 Apr 1930 in Chicago, Cook Co, IL. He died on 27 Apr 1995 in San Bernardino Co, CA.¹¹ The death record for Gilbert George Bribiesca showed him born 28 Nov 1928 in IL; died 27 Apr 1995 in San Bernardino Co, CA; mother's maiden name was Blackledge.

Irma Lee BLACKLEDGE and Thomas Marcus BLOUNT married.⁸ **Thomas Marcus BLOUNT** was born on 2 Jul 1900 in Atlanta, DeKalb Co, GA.^{4,13} He died on 27 Sep 1970 in Chicago, Cook Co, IL.^{4,13,14}

8. **Lucille Odessa BLACKLEDGE**⁸.

Lucille Odessa BLACKLEDGE had the following children:

+14 i. <child>.

Fourth Generation

14. <child>.

<child> had the following children:

15 i. **Francisco "Rocky" GARCIA**⁸.

Sources for Report: Descendants of Charlie Blackledge

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First Generation

1. **Eliza BLACKLEDGE** was born probably about 1800 in NC.¹ She was 56 years old in her 1871 Bank application (born abt 1815), 80 in the 1880 Census (born abt 1800) and 119 in 1900 Census (born abt 1781). Therefore, she may have been born earlier or later than abt 1800. She made an application to the Freedman's Bank in NC on 31 Aug 1871.² On the form, Eliza Blackledge, 56 years old, widow who lived in Orange Grove, NC, said her children were: Charles, age 40; George, age 42; Virginia Cook, age 21; Annie Taylor, age 30; and Dianna Tomswell, age 35. She appeared in the census in 1880 in Mobile, Mobile Co, AL. Eliza Blackledge (80, widow) is shown living with her son Charles and his family.

She appeared in the census in 1900 in Mobile, Mobile Co, AL. Eliza Blackledge [sic] (119 [sic], born in 1781, widow, mother of 16 children with none still living, seamstress) is listed as grandmother in the household of Minnow or Minnerva Blackledge [unable to read name which is indexed on Ancestry.com as Minnerva] (31, born in Apr 1869 in AL, single, laundress) and her sister Francis [sic] Blackledge (24, born in Jun 1875 in AL, single, laundress). Also in the household are the sisters' nephew Eddie Adams (5, born in Feb 1895 in AL) and cousin Victor Nicholas (15, born in Dec 1884 in AL). The sister named Minnow or Minnerva must be the child of Eliza's son, Charles, who is named Hortense in other records and Francis would also be Charles' daughter.

Eliza BLACKLEDGE had the following children:

- +2 i. **Pompey BLACKLEDGE**, born in Jan 1817, NC^{3,4}; married Luvenia JOHNSON³.
- 3 ii. **George BLACKLEDGE** was born about 1829.²
- +4 iii. **Charles BLACKLEDGE**, born on 4 Mar 1829, New Bern, Craven Co, NC^{1,5-7}; married Anica/Mary¹; married Jane BARTLEY^{8,9}; died on 27 Feb 1887^{6,7}.
- +5 iv. **Dianna BLACKLEDGE**, born about 1836²; married TOMSWELL².
- +6 v. **Annie BLACKLEDGE**, born about 1841²; married TAYLOR².
- +7 vi. **Virginia BLACKLEDGE**, born about 1850²; married COOK².

Second Generation

2. **Pompey BLACKLEDGE** was born in Jan 1817 in NC.^{3,4} He appeared in the census in 1870 in Hale Co, AL. Pompey [sic] Blackledge (52, born in AL, cannot read or write, farm laborer) and his wife Luvenia (38, born in AL, cannot read or write) are with Pompey's children: Mary Jane (19, farm laborer), Ruth (8), Jennie (6), and Allen (2). He appeared in the census in 1880 in Forkland, Greene Co, AL. Pompey Blackledge [sic] (60, farm laborer) and his wife Lavinia [sic] (39, farm laborer) have these children with them: James (14, farm laborer), Allen (12, farm laborer), Mary (8), and Frances (daughter, 5). All were designated as Black, born in AL, and cannot read and write. He appeared in the census in 1900 in Marengo Co, AL. Listed just two houses before his son Allen Blackledge, Pompey Blackledge (83, born Jan 1817, widower, basket maker) was listed alone.

Emiline STARKEY was born about 1824 in NC.^{8,10} She is called Mona Line Starkey on her daughter Mary Jane's death record, but Emiline in the census in Hale Co, AL in 1910.¹¹ In that census, Emiline [sic] is living with her daughter's family, Richard and Mary Jane Bryant. Pompey BLACKLEDGE and Emiline STARKEY had the following children:

- +8 i. **Mary Jane BLACKLEDGE**, born about 1841, Hale Co, AL^{10,11}; married Richard BRYANT, on 18 Dec 1873, Perry Co, AL¹²; died on 18 Jun 1931, Newbern, Hale Co, AL^{10,11}.

Pompey BLACKLEDGE and Luvenia JOHNSON married.³ **Luvenia JOHNSON**¹¹ was born about 1832 in AL.^{3,11} The 1870 Census showed her born in AL, however her daughter Fannie's death record showed Luvenia born in LA. Pompey BLACKLEDGE and Luvenia JOHNSON had the following children:

- 9 i. **Ruth BLACKLEDGE** was born about 1862 in AL.³
- +10 ii. **Virginia "Jennie" BLACKLEDGE**, born about 1864, AL^{3,4,13}; married Jerome A. McCOY, on 17 Mar 1919, Los Angeles, CA¹⁴; married James Henry CLARKE Jr., on 10 Jul 1890, Mobile Co, AL^{4,9,15}; died on 4 May 1949, Los Angeles, CA¹³.
- +11 iii. **Allen BLACKLEDGE**, born in Jan 1870, Demopolis, Marengo Co, AL^{3,4,16}; married Elizabeth "Lizzie" Scott, on 18 Jan 1889, Marengo Co, AL^{4,15}.
- 12 iv. **Mary BLACKLEDGE** was born about 1872 in AL.¹
- +13 v. **Fannie BLACKLEDGE**, born about 1892, AL¹¹; married HICKS¹¹; died on 4 Jan 1927, Birmingham, Jefferson Co, AL¹¹.

4. **Charles BLACKLEDGE** was born on 4 Mar 1829 in New Bern, Craven Co, NC.^{1,5-7} He appeared in the census in 1870 in Mobile, Mobile Co, AL. Chas. Blackwod [sic] (40, Mulatto, \$4,000 value of real estate and \$1,000 value of personal estate, cotton merchant) and his wife Anna (35, Black, keeps house) are with Charles Blackwod (18, Mulatto, attended school during the year), Ferdinand Blackwod (17, Mulatto, attended school during the year), Emma Blackwod (6, attended school during the year), George Blackwod (5), William Blackwod (3), Flora Nill (21, Black, servant), Sing Grant (11, Black, servant), Hortense Blackwood [sic] (1, Black). Chas. and Anna were born in NC, and the rest were born in AL. Emma is shown as female, however this is probably Charles' son Emile.

He appeared in the census in 1880 in Mobile, Mobile Co, AL. Chas Blackledge (50, cotton sampler) and his wife Anica (44) are with children: Ferdinand (28, widower, laborer), Charles (18, cotton sampler), Amile (17, school), George (16, cotton sampler), William (13, school), Hortense (11, school), Josephine (9, school), Frances (5), and Hamilton (1). Charles' nieces Virginia Blackledge (9, school) and Cory Baty (17, at home) and his mother Eliza Blackledge (80, widow) are also in the household. He died on 27 Feb 1887.^{6,7} He was buried in Magnolia Cemetery, Mobile, Mobile Co, AL.^{6,7} (Plot: A-Main, Square 2).

Charles BLACKLEDGE and Anica/Mary married.¹ **Anica/Mary** was born in Apr 1831.^{1,2,4,5} It is assumed that the same person is called Anica, 44 years old and born in NC in the 1880 Census, she is called Mary, 48 and born in Apr 1831 in AL in the 1900 Census. However, these could be two different individuals. She was listed as Annie on her son Ferdinand's Freedman's Bank record. Charles BLACKLEDGE and Anica/Mary had the following children:

- +14 i. **Ferdinand BLACKLEDGE**, born about 1852, Mobile, Mobile Co, AL^{1,2}; married Mary Ann WILLIAMS, on 24 Nov 1875, Mobile Co, AL⁹.
- 15 ii. **Eliza Louisa BLACKLEDGE** was born on 25 May 1854.¹⁷ She died on 2 Jul 1855.¹⁷ She was buried in Mobile Co, AL.¹⁷ Her tombstone says she was the daughter of C & A Blackledge.
- 16 iii. **Virginia Henrietta BLACKLEDGE** was born on 31 Oct 1855.⁶ She died on 15 Oct 1858.⁶ She was buried in Magnolia Cemetery, Mobile, Mobile Co, AL.⁶ The inscription reads: *In Memory of Virginia Henrietta daughter of C. and A. Blackledge born October 31st, 1855 and died October 15th, 1858 aged 2 years 11 months and 15 days.*
- +17 iv. **Charles BLACKLEDGE Jr.**, born about 1862, AL¹; married Margaret "Maggie"

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- ALEXANDER, on 18 Oct 1887, Mobile Co, AL^{9,15}; married Sarah F. RICHARDSON, on 19 Apr 1910, Mobile, Mobile Co, AL¹⁵; died between 1910 and 1920.
- +18 v. **Emile BLACKLEDGE**, born in Apr 1864, AL^{1,4,11}; married Mary Eliza MATHEWS, on 13 Nov 1894, Mobile Co, AL¹⁵; married Gussie DOUGLAS¹⁸; married Fannie, about 1898⁸; died on 14 Nov 1910, Mobile, Mobile Co, AL^{11,18}.
- 19 vi. **George BLACKLEDGE** was born about 1864 in AL.¹
- +20 vii. **William A. BLACKLEDGE**, born in 1867, AL^{1,6}; married Lizzie HUGHES, on 24 Dec 1897, Mobile Co, AL¹⁵; died in 1932⁶.
- +21 viii. **Hortense L. BLACKLEDGE**, born about 1869, AL^{1,15}; married Eddie MESSENGER, on 14 Nov 1887, Mobile Co, AL¹⁵.
- +22 ix. **Josephine H. BLACKLEDGE**, born in Oct 1872, AL^{1,4,19}; married Clarence William ALLEN, on 6 Jun 1893, Mobile Co, AL^{4,9,15,19}; died on 17 Feb 1955, Mobile, Mobile Co, AL¹¹.
- 23 x. **Frances BLACKLEDGE** was born about 1875 in AL.¹ She appeared in the census in 1900 in Mobile, Mobile Co, AL. Francis [sic] Blackledge (24, born in Jun 1875 in AL, single, laundress) is living with her sister Minnow/Minnerva Blackledge, grandmother Eliza Blackledge, nephew Eddie Adams, and cousin Victor Nicholas.
- 24 xi. **Hamilton BLACKLEDGE** was born about 1879 in AL.¹

Charles BLACKLEDGE and Jane BARTLEY married.^{8,9} On 14 Apr 1885, a marriage license was issued to Charles Blackledge and Jane Bartley, widow. Charles Blackledge and Henry J. Hawkins posted a \$200 bond to take out the marriage license in Mobile Co, AL. It is recorded on p. 338 with a notation at the top of the page to see the White Book p. 333 for original. The record of the marriage at the bottom of the page is blank. The marriage index does not give a date for the marriage of Charles Blackledge and Jane Bartley, that is recorded in Marriage Book #8 and instead has a notation that the license was not returned. So, it is not clear if they ever married. Charles and Jane had no children. **Jane BARTLEY** was born about 1830 in VA.⁸ She was living with her step-son-in-law Clarence W. Allen and his wife Josephine Blackledge Allen in Mobile, Mobile Co, AL in 1910.⁸

5. **Dianna BLACKLEDGE** was born about 1836.²

Dianna BLACKLEDGE and TOMSWELL married.² **TOMSWELL.**

6. **Annie BLACKLEDGE** was born about 1841.²

Annie BLACKLEDGE and TAYLOR married.² **TAYLOR.**

7. **Virginia BLACKLEDGE** was born about 1850.²

Virginia BLACKLEDGE and COOK married.² **COOK.**

Third Generation

8. **Mary Jane BLACKLEDGE** was born about 1841 in Hale Co, AL.^{10,11} She died on 18 Jun 1931 in

Newbern, Hale Co, AL.^{10,11} The death record shows that Mary Jane Bryant is the daughter of Pompie Beachledge [sic] and Mona Line Starkey, both born in NC. She was buried on 19 Jun 1931.¹¹

Mary Jane BLACKLEDGE and Richard BRYANT married on 18 Dec 1873 in Perry Co, AL.¹² **Richard BRYANT** was born in 1850.¹⁰ He appeared in the census in 1910 in Hale Co, AL. Richard Bryant (52, born in AL, both parents born in NC, farmer) and his wife Mary Bryant (52, born in AL, both parents born in NC, farm laborer) have the following people living with them: Ellen Castor (sister, 38, widow, mother of 4 children with 3 still living, farm laborer), Emiline Starkey (mother-in-law, 86, she and both parents born in NC, farm laborer), and Albert Riggs (nephew, 16, born in AL, farm laborer). He died in 1914.¹⁰

10. **Virginia "Jennie" BLACKLEDGE**^{13,14} was born about 1864 in AL.^{3,4,13} The 1870 Census showed her to be 6 years old which would make her born about 1864, but the 1880 Census showed her to be only 9 years old making her born about 1871, the 1900 Census showed her born in Oct 1871, the 1920 Census showed her to be 42 making her born about 1878, and the birthdate on her death record is 21 Oct 1875. She appeared in the census in 1870 in Hale Co, AL. Jennie Blackledge (6) is listed with her parents, Pompy [sic] and Luvenia Blackledge. She appeared in the census in 1880 in Mobile, Mobile Co, AL. She is presumed to be the Virginia Blackledge (9) [sic] listed with her Uncle Charles Blackledge.

She appeared in the census in 1900 in Seale, Russel Co, AL. Jennie McCoy (25, born Jan 1875, single) is shown as a cook in the home of of Homer and Christina Dudley. Nancy McCoy (lodger, 2, born Mar 1898) is listed immediately after Jennie and is presumed to be her daughter. She appeared in the census in 1910 in Mobile, Mobile Co, AL. Living on Fishma [?] Alley, Jennie Clark [sic] (39, Mulatto, married one time for 20 years, mother of 6 children with 5 still living, cook for a private family) is listed as the head of household consisting of: her father Blackman [only a surname is written and the ending of the name is not fully legible] (75, white, widower, invalid, born in NC, both parents born in AL), daughter Marie Clark (19, hair dresser), daughter Ellerl [name not fully legible, but this would be Ethel] (17, nurse), daughter Grace (15, no occupation), and son James (10, no occupation). Although Jennie is shown as married, her husband James Clarke Sr. is not listed with the family.

She appeared in the census in 1930 in Los Angeles, Los Angeles Co, CA. Jennie McCoy (51, widow Negro, owns her home worth \$2,000, no occupation) is head of the household consisting of her granddaughter Mildred Donald (19, single), and brother-in-law James McCoy (72, widower, born in NY). She died on 4 May 1949 in Los Angeles, CA.¹³ There were two death index entries for this person that were the same except for the name: one was for Virginia Blackledge McCoy and the other for Jennie McCoy [Jennie Blackledge]. The information on both records said she was born 21 Oct 1875 in AL and died 4 May 1949 in Los Angeles, CA and her father's surname was Blackledge.

Virginia "Jennie" BLACKLEDGE and Jerome A. McCOY married on 17 Mar 1919 in Los Angeles, CA.¹⁴ **Jerome A. McCOY** was born about 1858 in NY. He appeared in the census in 1860 in Syracuse, Onondaga Co, NY. Jerome McCoy (1, Black) is listed with his parents William (27, born in NY, day laborer with \$50 value of personal property) and Julia (22, Black, born in NY) McCoy, and brother James (4). He appeared in the census in 1880 in Pena Colorado, Presidio Co, TX. Jerome McCoy, 22, single, Mulatto, is listed as a U.S. soldier. He appeared in the census in 1900 in Tayug, Philippine Island. Listed with the military and naval forces, Jerome A. McCoy is 41, Black, born in NY, and a Corporal. He appeared in the census in 1920 in Watts, Los Angeles Co, CA. Jerome A. McCoy (62, born in NY, porter in a dry goods store) and his wife Jennie (42, born in AL) have grandchildren Grover (9, born in AL) and Wilhemina Thompson (6, born in AL) living with them. He died on 27 Aug 1927.²⁰ He served in the U.S. Army.^{20,21} Jerome retired from the 24th U.S. Infantry Band after multiple enlistments. Virginia "Jennie" BLACKLEDGE and Jerome A. McCOY had the following children:

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- +25 i. **Mary McCOY**, born about 1894, AL¹⁹; married Grace THOMPSON¹⁹.
- 26 ii. **Nancy McCOY** was born in Mar 1898 in AL.⁴ She is listed as a daughter of Jennie Blackledge but not of Jerome A. McCoy in the CW FAMILY tree.¹⁹

Virginia "Jennie" BLACKLEDGE and James Henry CLARKE Jr. married on 10 Jul 1890 in Mobile Co, AL.^{4,9,15} The 1900 Census showed Jennie and James married 10 years. **James Henry CLARKE Jr.**^{13,14} was born in Jan 1869 in AL.^{4,14} He appeared in the census in 1900 in Mobile, Mobile Co, AL. James Clark [sic] (31, teamster) and his wife Jennie (28, mother of 5 children with five living, laundress) were living on Hamilton Street with their children: Marie (9), Ethel (7), Gracie (5), Janie (3), and James (8/12). Virginia "Jennie" BLACKLEDGE and James Henry CLARKE Jr. had the following children:

- 27 i. **Marie CLARKE** was born in Jan 1891 in AL.⁴
- +28 ii. **Ethel CLARKE**, born in Jan 1893, AL^{4,14}; married Acie BROWN, on 2 Sep 1921, Los Angeles, Los Angeles Co, CA¹⁴.
- +29 iii. **Grace CLARKE**, born in Oct 1894, AL⁴; married THOMPSON, before 1922¹⁴; married Earl C. HENDERSON, on 15 May 1922, Los Angeles, Los Angeles Co, CA¹⁴.
- 30 iv. **Janie CLARKE** was born in Mar 1897 in AL.⁴
- +31 v. **James Henry CLARKE**, born on 3 Oct 1901, AL¹³; married Rela V. JONES, on 23 Apr 1919, Los Angeles, CA¹⁴; married Zenolia SHAMBERGER, on 11 Dec 1922, Los Angeles Co, CA¹⁴; died on 28 Feb 1997, Los Angeles Co, CA¹³.

11. **Allen BLACKLEDGE** was born in Jan 1870 in Demopolis, Marengo Co, AL.^{3,4,16} He appeared in the census in 1900 in Marengo Co, AL. Listed 2 houses after his father, Allen Blackledge (30, married 12 years, fisherman) and his wife Lizzie (31, married 12 years, mother of 3 children with 1 still living) are with their son Eugene (2).

Allen BLACKLEDGE and Elizabeth "Lizzie" Scott married on 18 Jan 1889 in Marengo Co, AL.^{4,15} Their names on the marriage record are Allen Blacklege and Lizzie Williams, suggesting the Lizzie had been married before to a Mr. Williams. This needs to be further researched. **Elizabeth "Lizzie" Scott** was born in May 1869 in Demopolis, Marengo Co, AL.^{4,16} She later married a Mr. Wallace. Both sons, Eugene and James gave Lizzie Wallace as nearest relative.²² Eugene's WW I draft form said Lizzie Wallace was his mother, while James' form did not state a relationship. Allen BLACKLEDGE and Elizabeth "Lizzie" Scott had the following children:

- 32 i. <child> **BLACKLEDGE** died before 1900.⁴
- 33 ii. <child> **BLACKLEDGE** died before 1900.⁴
- +34 iii. **Eugene Allen BLACKLEDGE**, born on 26 May 1899, Demopolis, Marengo Co, AL^{4,16,23}; married Della EMMERSON, about 1921²³; died on 20 Feb 1944, Chicago, Cook Co, IL^{16,24}.
- 35 iv. **James Pompie BLACKLEDGE** was born on 27 Jul 1900.²² He worked as a porter in a clothes shop when he registered for the WW I draft in Birmingham, Jefferson Co, AL about 1918.²²

13. **Fannie BLACKLEDGE** was born about 1892 in AL.¹¹ Fannie Hicks death record showed her parents to be Pompey Blackledge and Luvenia Johnson and 35 years old, born abt 1892. However, she may be the daughter named Frances who was 5 years old in the 1880 Census. Or, the Frances who was 5 in 1880 may have died and the parents named a later daughter after her. More research is needed to determine which is correct. She died on 4 Jan 1927 in Birmingham, Jefferson Co, AL.¹¹ She was buried on 6 Jan 1927 in Jemison, AL.¹¹

Fannie BLACKLEDGE and HICKS married.¹¹ **HICKS**.

14. **Ferdinand BLACKLEDGE** was born about 1852 in Mobile, Mobile Co, AL.^{1,2} He registered for an account at the Freedman Bank on 5 Mar 1874.² On the application, Ferdnand [sic] Blackledge, 21, born and raised in Mobile, AL, gave his parents as Charles and Annie and siblings as Chas., Amelia [sic], William, George, Horton, and Josephine. He and Minerva Early took out a marriage license in Mobile Co, AL on 27 Jul 1880.¹⁵ However, it apparently was never returned since there is no record of the marriage added to the form.

Ferdinand BLACKLEDGE and Mary Ann WILLIAMS married on 24 Nov 1875 in Mobile Co, AL.⁹ **Mary Ann WILLIAMS**⁹ died before 1880.¹

17. **Charles BLACKLEDGE Jr.**¹⁴ was born about 1862 in AL.¹ He appeared in the census in 1910 in Mobile, Mobile Co, AL with his second wife Sarah: Sarah Blackledge (head of household, 45, married the 3rd time for less than a year, mother of 2 children with 1 still living, restaurant proprietor) and her husband Charles Blackledge (49, married the 2nd time for less than a year, cotton sampler) had Sarah's daughter Lillie Jones (25, married 1 time for 5 years, mother of 0 children, restaurant helper) living with them. He died probably between 1910 and 1920. Charles was in the 1910 Census with his 2nd wife Sarah, but she was shown as a widow in the 1920 Census.

Charles BLACKLEDGE Jr. and Margaret "Maggie" ALEXANDER married on 18 Oct 1887 in Mobile Co, AL.^{9,15} The record of their license and marriage shows his name as Charles Blackledge, Jr. and she as Maggie Alexander. Note: It still needs to be proved that it is this Charles Blackledge, Jr. who married Maggie Alexander, but he is the only Charles of the right age who is in Mobile Co, AL, in the 1880 Census and so it seems likely that he is the right one. **Margaret "Maggie" ALEXANDER**¹⁴ (daughter of John Thomas ALEXANDER and Jane) was born about 1865 in AL.¹⁶ She is called Maggie Alexander on her marriage record and Margaret Alexander in Laurent-Weeks database.²⁵ Charles BLACKLEDGE Jr. and Margaret "Maggie" ALEXANDER had the following children:

- +36 i. **William BLACKLEDGE**, born about 1889, LA¹⁴; married Alice ESTELL, on 5 Feb 1916, Los Angeles Co, CA¹⁴; died on 6 Jun 1932, Chicago, Cook Co, IL¹⁶.
- +37 ii. **Annie/Annis J. BLACKLEDGE**, born on 25 Jul 1897, AL²⁶; married Michael H. DANIELS, on 1 Mar 1930, Mobile, Mobile Co, AL¹⁵; died on 25 Oct 1968, Mobile, Mobile Co, AL.
- +38 iii. **Olive BLACKLEDGE**, born on 31 Jul 1899, AL²⁵; married George Xavier HERMAN Jr., on 11 Jun 1925, Mobile Co, AL^{15,25}; died on 24 Dec 1972, Mobile, Mobile Co, AL^{11,25}.

Charles BLACKLEDGE Jr. and Sarah F. RICHARDSON married on 19 Apr 1910 in Mobile, Mobile Co, AL.¹⁵ The marriage record for Chas. Blackledge Jr., 48, cotton sampler, and Sarah F. Jones, 46, no occupation, shows them both to have been married before. **Sarah F. RICHARDSON** (daughter of Dick RICHARDSON) was born about 1864 in AL.^{8,15} She appeared in the census in 1920 in Mobile, Mobile Co, AL. Sarah Blackledge (54, widow, keeper of a lunch room) has her daughter Lillie Jones (35, divorced, laundress at home) living with her. She appeared in the census in 1930 in Mobile, Mobile Co, AL. Sarah Blackledge (55, widow, peddler of lunches) has her daughter Lily [sic] C. Jones (40, single, peddler of lunches) living with her. She died on 14 Dec 1939 in Mobile, Mobile Co, AL.¹¹ The death record for Sarah Blackledge shows her born on 4 Jul 1875 in Panola, AL; a widow; daughter of Dick Richardson. She was previously married to Henry Jones and had a daughter, Lillie Corine Jones.^{8,11,23,26}

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18. **Emile BLACKLEDGE** was born in Apr 1864 in AL.^{1,4,11} His given name was Emile and Amile on various census records, Emile on his Alabama Deaths record, and Emele on his Alabama Deaths and Burials Index record. He appeared in the census in 1900 in Mobile, Mobile Co, AL. Amile Blackledge [sic] (36, born in Apr 1864, married 5 years, cotton sampler) is head of the household consisting of himself and three boarders: Fannie Douglass (30, born Dec 1869, married 12 years, mother of 10 children with 5 still living, cook), Estelle Yealing (18, born in Feb 1882, single, no occupation listed), and Hercules Woods (30, born in May 1870, single, timberman). All are shown as Black and all and their parents were born in AL.

He appeared in the census in 1910 in Mobile, Mobile Co, AL. The head of household in this census is James McClean (61, married one time for 35 years, fireman on a steamboat). With him are his wife Fannie McClean (57, married 3 times, this time for 35 years, mother of 3 children with 2 still living), his step-daughter Fannie Blackledge (40, married one time for 12 years, mother of 6 children with 5 still living), his step son-in-law Emile Blackledge (42, married one time for 12 years, cotton sampler in a cotton yard), James' granddaughter Gussie Hendrix (32, married one time for 2 years, mother of one child with one still living), grandson-in-law Jim Hendrix (32, married 2 times, this time for 2 years, laborer in a saw mill), great-granddaughter Agnes Hendrix (5), granddaughter Louise Blackledge (19, seamstress for a private family), grandson Freddie Blackledge (18, wagon driver for a retail grocery), granddaughter Theresa Blackledge (16), and grandson Owen Blackledge (13). Note: Louise McBride (9, born in Oct 1891) and Theresa (6, born in Feb 1894), Frederick (7, born in Mar 1893), and Owen (2, born in Aug 1897) Douglass are living with their grandparents James and Frances McClean, and thus would be Emile Blackledge's step-children. And, Emile's wife Fannie would be the Fannie Douglass in his household in the 1900 Census.

He died on 14 Nov 1910 in Mobile, Mobile Co, AL.^{11,18} He was buried in C.M.[listed thus on death record], Mobile, Mobile Co, AL.¹¹ (W 1/2 33 Sqr. 14).

Emile BLACKLEDGE and Mary Eliza MATHEWS married on 13 Nov 1894 in Mobile Co, AL.¹⁵ **Mary Eliza MATHEWS.**

Emile BLACKLEDGE and Gussie DOUGLAS married.¹⁸ **Gussie DOUGLAS** was born about 1896.¹⁸ She signed permission for her 17-year-old daughter's marriage with the name of Gussie Long in Mobile Co, AL in 1922.¹⁵ This indicates that Gussie later married a Mr. Long. Emile BLACKLEDGE and Gussie DOUGLAS had the following children:

- +39 i. **Agnes Lucilla BLACKLEDGE**, born on 1 Jan 1904, Mobile Co, AL¹⁵; married Lawrence L. BATTISTE, on 5 Oct 1922, Mobile Co, AL^{9,15,18}; married John CUNNINGHAM²⁷; died about 1964¹⁸.

Emile BLACKLEDGE and Fannie married about 1898.⁸ Emile and Fannie were shown as being married 12 years in the 1910 Census. **Fannie** (daughter of Fannie) was born in Dec 1869 in AL.^{4,8} She was shown in 1900 as mother of 10 children with 5 living. She was mother of 6 with 5 living in 1910.^{4,8}

20. **William A. BLACKLEDGE** was born in 1867 in AL.^{1,6} He died in 1932.⁶ He was buried in Oaklawn Memorial Cemetery, Mobile, Mobile Co, AL.⁶

William A. BLACKLEDGE and Lizzie HUGHES married on 24 Dec 1897 in Mobile Co, AL.¹⁵ Note: It still needs to be proved that it is this William A. Blackledge who married Lizzie Hughes. **Lizzie HUGHES.**

21. **Hortense L. BLACKLEDGE** was born about 1869 in AL.^{1,15} She was Hortense L. Blackledge on

her marriage record. She appeared in the census in 1900 in Mobile, Mobile Co, AL. Hortense is believed to be the individual called Minnow or Minnerva Blackledge (31, born in Apr 1869 in AL, single, laundress) in this 1900 Census record. Living with her are her sister Francis [sic] Blackledge (24, single, laundress), her grandmother Eliza Blackledge (119, born in NC), her nephew Eddie Adams (5, born in Feb 1895 in AL) and her cousin Victor Nicholas (15, born in Dec 1884 in AL).

Hortense L. BLACKLEDGE and Eddie MESSENGER married on 14 Nov 1887 in Mobile Co, AL.¹⁵
Eddie MESSENGER.

22. **Josephine H. BLACKLEDGE** was born in Oct 1872 in AL.^{1,4,19} A biographical sketch about Josephine said she was born in 1876. The 1900 Census gave Josephine's birthday as Oct 1872, but her death record said she was 78 years old which makes her birth abt 1877. Census records give her age as 9 in 1880, 27 in 1900, 36 in 1910, 44 in 1920, 51 in 1930, and 62 in 1940. A biographical sketch about her said she was born in 1876. Josephine's death record lists her parents as Charles and Mary Blackledge. Her marriage record gave her middle initial, H. She graduated in 1891 from the Broad Street Academy.²⁸ Josephine taught at her alma mater until she organized the Josephine Allen Private School in 1895. One of the notable students who attended her school was baseball legend Henry "Hank" Aaron. The school did not emphasize sports, but rather basic grammar, mathematics, and cultural refinement. [Source: Howard Bryant. *The Last Hero: A Life of Henry Aaron*. New York: Pantheon Books, a division of Random House, Inc., 2010].

A biographical sketch about Josephine says: "*Mrs. Allen was way ahead of her time and was putting back into her community what the community had given her...an opportunity to be the best person she could. She had a strong desire to help others and helping others was exactly what she did. By the time she was twenty-five years old she had over 200 students and four instructors assisting her. Mrs. Allen never denied admission to anyone wanting to attend her school whether you had the tuition or not, but once you were her student you had to be prepared to work hard.*"

Josephine also was the musician for the State Street Church for a number of years. During the summer she relaxed at the Allen's summer home in Coden. There are several landmarks in her honor in Mobile, AL, such as the Josephine Allen Home and a street, both in the Happy Hills neighborhood. She died on 17 Feb 1955 in Mobile, Mobile Co, AL.¹¹ She was buried in Oaklawn Memorial Cemetery, Mobile, Mobile Co, AL.⁶

Josephine H. BLACKLEDGE and Clarence William ALLEN married on 6 Jun 1893 in Mobile Co, AL.^{4,9,15,19} **Clarence William ALLEN** (son of ALLEN and Mary) was born on 17 Oct 1872.^{4,19,22} He appeared in the census in 1900 in Mobile, Mobile Co, AL. Clarence Allen (27, mail carrier) and his wife of 6 years Josephine (27, school teacher) are with their son Clarence (6), Clarence Sr.'s mother Mary Allen (48, widow), and Josephine's mother Mary Blackledge (69, widow). He appeared in the census in 1910 in Mobile, Mobile Co, AL. Clarence W. Allen (37, married one time for 17 years, born in AL, undertaker, proprietor) and his wife Josephine (36, married one time for 17 years, mother of 3 children with only 1 still living, born in AL, public school teacher) are with their son Clarence W. Allen, Jr. (16), Clarence Sr.'s mother Mary Allen (56, widow, mother of 2 children with only 1 still living, housekeeper), and Clarence's step-mother-in-law Jane Blackledge (80, widow, mother of 0 children, born in VA, infirm).

He appeared in the census in 1920 in Mobile, Mobile Co, AL. C. W. Allen (46, Mulatto, undertaker) and his wife Josephine (44, Mulatto, private school teacher) have his mother Mary Allen (56, Mulatto, private family nurse) and his [step] mother-in-law (92, Black) living with them. He appeared in the census in 1930 in Mobile, Mobile Co, AL. Clarence W. Allen (54, married the first time at age 21, undertaker) and his wife Josephine (51, married the first time at age 19, teacher in a private school) have the following persons living with them: their son Winston (14), Clarence's mother Mary Allen (75, widow), and

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a lodger Lucy James (52, widow, no occupation). He appeared in the census in 1940 in Mobile, Mobile Co, AL. Clarence W. Allen (65, Negro male, completed the 6th grade, undertaker at his own business) and his wife Josephine (62, Negro female, completed 2 years of high school, own school) had their son Clarence W. Allen Dr. (44, married Negro male, completed 4 years of college, dentist in private practice) living with them. He died in 1941.⁶ He was buried in Oaklawn Memorial Cemetery, Mobile, Mobile Co, AL.⁶

Abt 1911, G. P. Hamilton, Principal of Kortrecht High School in Memphis, TN, wrote a book called *Beacon Light's of the Race*, which was intended to be an inspiration of the youth of the Negro race by giving sketches of the successful achievements and worthy lives of African Americans of the day. He noted that C. W. Allen, born 17 Oct 1872 in Mobile, AL, was largely educated by his own efforts and hard work, but had attended public schools in Mobile, AL, and then Emerson Institute, one of the pioneer educational institutions in Mobile for African Americans. He left school by fifteen years of age to begin menial service work and eventually became a mail carrier for the post office which he did for ten years.

In 1904, in partnership with Mr. Harney, he purchased the undertaking firm of A. X. Johnson, which at that time was one of the most complete and costliest funeral establishments in the South. By 1909 the firm had four first-class funeral cars, five landau carriages, four buggies, one ambulance, one casket and flower wagon, one dead wagon, and eighteen horses, along with a stock room containing paraphernalia of all kinds valued at more than \$4,000. In addition, the undertaking firm published the "*Mobile Weekly Press*," a notable weekly newspaper for African Americans. In addition to his business pursuits, Mr. Allen served as Secretary-Treasurer of the Masonic Endowment Fund which required his travel all over Alabama to serve widows and orphans. And, he was one of the leading members of the Knights of Pythias and Odd Fellows of Alabama. Hamilton went on to say that Mr. Allen was "*...a fine specimen of physical and intellectual manhood...an organizer and a man of splendid executive ability. As a financier he has few superiors, if any, and his administration of affairs, both fraternal and personal, has demonstrated the fact that he is an extraordinary business man.*" Josephine H. BLACKLEDGE and Clarence William ALLEN had the following children:

- +40 i. **Dr. Clarence William ALLEN Jr.**, born on 3 Dec 1893, Mobile, Mobile Co, AL^{4,19,22}; married Hazel RICK, about 1918^{11,23}; died on 29 Jun 1948, Mobile, Mobile Co, AL¹¹.
- 41 ii. **<unknown>**⁸ died before 1910.⁸
- 42 iii. **Annie M. ALLEN** was born about 1907.¹⁹ She died before 1910. The 1910 Census showed her mother Josephine to be the mother of 3 children with only 1 still living and that was Clarence W. Allen Jr. Therefore, Annie had to have died before the 1910 Census.
- 43 iv. **Winston A. ALLEN**¹¹ was born in 1915 in AL.^{6,23} He died on 22 Jun 1957 in Coden, Mobile Co, AL.^{6,11} He was buried in Oaklawn Memorial Cemetery, Mobile, Mobile Co, AL.⁶

Fourth Generation

25. **Mary McCOY** was born about 1894 in AL.¹⁹ She is listed as a daughter of Jerome A. McCoy and Virginia "Jennie" Blackledge in the CW FAMILY tree.¹⁹

Mary McCOY and Grace THOMPSON married.¹⁹ **Grace THOMPSON** was born on 2 May 1894 in AL.^{19,22} He died in 1968.¹⁹

28. **Ethel CLARKE** was born in Jan 1893 in AL.^{4,14} That was the date on the 1900 Census, however, she was 26 on her marriage record in 1921 which would have made her born abt 1895.

Ethel CLARKE and Acie BROWN married on 2 Sep 1921 in Los Angeles, Los Angeles Co, CA.¹⁴ This was a first marriage for Ethel and Acie. **Acie BROWN** (son of Jim BROWN and Annie SMITH) was born about 1888 in IL.¹⁴ He worked as a cook in 1921.¹⁴

29. **Grace CLARKE** was born in Oct 1894 in AL.⁴

Grace CLARKE and THOMPSON married before 1922.¹⁴ **THOMPSON**.

Grace CLARKE and Earl C. HENDERSON married on 15 May 1922 in Los Angeles, Los Angeles Co, CA.¹⁴ The marriage record showed that this was a first marriage for Earl who was a clerk in a drug store and a second marriage for widow Grace Thompson. **Earl C. HENDERSON** (son of Gus HENDERSON and Lula OSBORNE) was born about 1900 in IL.¹⁴

31. **James Henry CLARKE** was born on 3 Oct 1901 in AL.¹³ However, 3 Oct 1901 was his birthdate on his death record. He appeared in the census in 1920 in Los Angeles, Los Angeles Co, CA. James Clark (19, he and both parents born in AL, cook in a railway dining car) and his wife Rela (16, she and both parents born in LA) are with their daughter Emily (0/12, born in CA). He died on 28 Feb 1997 in Los Angeles Co, CA.¹³

James Henry CLARKE and Rela V. JONES married on 23 Apr 1919 in Los Angeles, CA.¹⁴ **Rela V. JONES** (daughter of J. Lumis JONES and Emily HERBERT) was born about 1902.¹⁴ James Henry CLARKE and Rela V. JONES had the following children:

44 i. **Emily CLARKE** was born about 1920 in CA.²⁶

James Henry CLARKE and Zenolia SHAMBERGER married on 11 Dec 1922 in Los Angeles Co, CA.¹⁴ The marriage record showed that this was a second marriage for James and a first marriage for Zenolia. **Zenolia SHAMBERGER** (daughter of John A. SHAMBERGER and Helouise WALLACE) was born about 1903 in AL.¹⁴

34. **Eugene Allen BLACKLEDGE** was born on 26 May 1899 in Demopolis, Marengo Co, AL.^{4,16,23} That was the date on his death record, however the 1900 Census showed him born in May 1898. His death record said his parents were Allen Blackledge and Elizabeth Scott, both born in Demopolis, AL. He gave his name as Eugene Allen Blackledge, born 23 May 1898 when he registered for the draft in Birmingham, Jefferson Co, AL about 1918.²² Eugene also gave his mother Lizzie Wallace of 716 No. 15th St, Birmingham, AL, as his nearest relative and said he was working as a laborer for T.C.I.R.C. in Wylam, AL. He appeared in the census in 1920 in Chicago, Cook Co, IL. Allen Blackledge (21, mulatto, single, laborer in a round house) was one of the boarders in the home of A. D. and Annie Debardelbem.

He appeared in the census in 1930 in Chicago, Cook Co, IL. Eugene Blackledge (32, Negro, laborer in a steel mill) was listed with his wife Della (32) and children who were all born in IL: Elizabeth (7), Edward (7), Margarette (5), Della (4), and Dora (2). There were also two boarders in the household: John Wallace (19, Negro, single, born in AL, hotel porter) and Elizabeth Wallace (58, Negro, widow, no occupation. Elizabeth would be his mother. He appeared in the census in 1940 in Chicago, Cook Co, IL. Eu-

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gene Blackledge (41, born in AL, completed the 6th grade, porter in a baking powder company) and his wife Della (42, born in AL, completed the 6th grade) are with their daughter Elizabeth (17, completed two years of high school), son Edward (16, completed 7 years of school), Margaret (15, completed 7 years of school), daughter Della (14, completed 8 years of school), daughter Dora (11, completed 7 years of school) lodger John H. Wallace (30, completed 7 years of school, bus boy in a restaurant), lodger Freddie L. Wallace (27, completed 5 years of school, no occupation), and lodger Mollie Jefferson (68, widow, born in MS, completed 8 years of school). All but John and Freddie Wallace had lived in the same place in 1935, John and Freddie had lived in Demopolis, Meringo Co, AL in 1935. He died on 20 Feb 1944 in Chicago, Cook Co, IL.^{16,24} He was buried on 26 Feb 1944 in Lincoln Cemetery, Worth, Cook, Co, IL.¹⁶

Eugene Allen BLACKLEDGE and Della EMMERSON married about 1921.²³ **Della EMMERSON** was born on 8 Feb 1897 in AL.^{16,23,29} Della's surname was listed on her daughter Elizabeth's death record. She died on 9 Sep 1977 in Cook Co, IL.^{29,30} Eugene Allen BLACKLEDGE and Della EMMERSON had the following children:

- 45 i. **Elizabeth BLACKLEDGE** was born on 29 Jun 1922 in Chicago, Cook Co, IL.^{16,23,31} She died at age 20 years on 3 Oct 1942 in Chicago, Cook Co, IL.^{16,24} She was buried on 9 Oct 1942 in Lincoln Cemetery, Worth, Cook, Co, IL.¹⁶
- 46 ii. **Edward BLACKLEDGE** was born about 1923 in IL.²³
- +47 iii. **Margarette BLACKLEDGE**, born on 5 Feb 1925, Cook Co, IL^{23,31}; married Loushious TARVER, on 25 May 1957, Cook Co, IL³².
- 48 iv. **Della BLACKLEDGE** was born about 1926 in IL.²³
- +49 v. **Dora BLACKLEDGE**, born on 26 Jul 1928, Cook Co, IL^{23,31}; married McKinley MORRIS, on 22 Mar 1951, Cook Co, IL³³.

36. **William BLACKLEDGE** was born about 1889 in LA.¹⁴ He was a barber in 1916.¹⁴ He died on 6 Jun 1932 in Chicago, Cook Co, IL.¹⁶ William Blackbridge's [sic] death record showed him born abt 1888 in Mobile, AL; both parents, Charles Blackbridge and Maggie Alexander, born in Mobile, AL; and that William was a Pullman porter married to Alice. He was buried in Mobile, Mobile Co, AL.¹⁶

William BLACKLEDGE and Alice ESTELL married on 5 Feb 1916 in Los Angeles Co, CA.¹⁴ **Alice ESTELL** (daughter of Earnest ESTELL and Dora) was born about 1898 in MO.¹⁴ She was a nurse in 1916.¹⁴

37. **Annie/Annis J. BLACKLEDGE** was born on 25 Jul 1897 in AL.²⁶ That is the date in the SSDI; she was 18 in the 1910 Census, 25 in the 1920 Census, 29 when married in 1930, and 39 in the 1940 Census. She was called Annie in the 1910 and 1920 census records, but Annis on her marriage, death and 1940 Census records. She appeared in the census in 1910 in Mobile, Mobile Co, AL. Annie Blackledge (18) is living with her grandmother Jane Alexander (75, widow) and Jane's daughters, Sophronia and Ella, along with five other grandchildren who probably belong to Sophronia who is marked as having five children. She appeared in the census in 1920 in Mobile, Mobile Co, AL. Annie Blackledge (25, school teacher) and her sister Olive Blackledge (23, school teacher) are living with their Uncle John (29) and Aunt Ella (35) Ash. Ella is probably the Ella Alexander who was a daughter of Annie's grandmother, Jane Alexander (see 1910 Census). She died on 25 Oct 1968 in Mobile, Mobile Co, AL. The death record for Annis Daniel gave her birth date as abt 1902; death date 25 Oct 1968 in Mobile, Mobile Co, AL; and parents as Charles Blackledge and Maggie. She was buried in Oaklawn Memorial Cemetery, Mobile, Mobile Co, AL.⁶ Her tombstone, which is the same design as her husband Michael H. Daniels' is, reads: *Annis B. Daniels 1900 - 1968*.

Annie/Annis J. BLACKLEDGE and Michael H. DANIELS married on 1 Mar 1930 in Mobile, Mobile

Co, AL.¹⁵ Annis J. Blackledge (maiden, 29 years old, school teacher, Protestant) and Michael H. Daniels (31, timberman, Catholic) were married at the Most Poor Heart of Mary church rectory by Rev. Sabrino Grossi. **Michael H. DANIELS** was born in 1898 in AL.^{6,11} He appeared in the census in 1940 in Mobile, Mobile Co, AL. Michael Daniels (35, completed 1 year of high school, proprietor of a timber business) was with his wife Anis [sic] (39, completed 2 years of college, public school teacher). He died on 21 Jun 1963 in Mobile, Mobile Co, AL.¹¹ The death record for Michael H. Daniels shows him born abt 1899; died 21 Jun 1963 in Mobile, Mobile Co, AL; married to Annis Daniels; son of William Daniels and Louisa Dupree. He was buried in Oaklawn Memorial Cemetery, Mobile, Mobile Co, AL.⁶ His tombstone reads: *Michael H. Daniels 1898 1963*. He and Annis apparently had no children.²⁷

38. **Olive BLACKLEDGE** was born on 31 Jul 1899 in AL.²⁵ The Laurent-Weeks database shows her parents as Charles Blackledge and Margaret Alexander. She appeared in the census in 1920 in Mobile, Mobile Co, AL. Olive Blackledge (23, school teacher) and her sister Annie Blackledge (25, school teacher) are living with their Uncle John (29) and Aunt Ella (35) Ash. She died on 24 Dec 1972 in Mobile, Mobile Co, AL.^{11,25} She was buried in Oaklawn Memorial Cemetery, Mobile, Mobile Co, AL. Olive shares a headstone with her husband. The stone is headed with *HERMAN* and her half reads: *Olive Blackledge Dec. 24, 1972*.

Olive BLACKLEDGE and George Xavier HERMAN Jr. married on 11 Jun 1925 in Mobile Co, AL.^{15,25} The marriage record showed that Olive Blackledge was 26, a school teacher, and had never been married, and that George X. Herman was 29, a merchant, and had been married once before, and both lived in Mobile, AL. **George Xavier HERMAN Jr.** was born on 18 Jun 1892 in AL.²⁵ He first married Blanche Mathilda Bernard in Mobile Co, AL on 7 Nov 1912.²⁵ George and Blanch had a daughter together; Blanche died in 1985. He died on 7 Aug 1956 in Mobile, Mobile Co, AL.²⁵ He was buried in Oaklawn Memorial Cemetery, Mobile, Mobile Co, AL.⁶ His half of the tombstone shared with his wife reads: *George Xavier June 18, 1891 August 7, 1956*.

39. **Agnes Lucilla BLACKLEDGE** was born on 1 Jan 1904 in Mobile Co, AL.¹⁵ She died about 1964.¹⁸

Agnes Lucilla BLACKLEDGE and Lawrence L. BATTISTE married on 5 Oct 1922 in Mobile Co, AL.^{9,15,18} The marriage record shows that Agnes was a seamstress and Lawrence was a seaman, both lived in Mobile, and this was a first marriage for each. The following note was written by Agnes' mother and is attached to the marriage record: *Oct. 3, 1922 Dear Sir; I wish with my greatest desire that license of marriage to be extended to this young gentleman to wed and become the husband of my daughter Agnes Lucile Blackledge Born in Mobile Ala. Jan 1, 1904. Trully [sic] yours, Mrs. Gussie Blackledge Long.* **Lawrence L. BATTISTE**⁹ was born about 1901.¹⁸ Agnes Lucilla BLACKLEDGE and Lawrence L. BATTISTE had the following children:

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| 50 | i. Lawrence BATTISTE was born about 1924 in AL. ²⁷ |
| +51 | ii. Dorothy BATTISTE , born on 8 Jul 1925, Mobile Co, AL ^{18,29} ; married Melvin ROBINSON ¹⁸ ; died on 3 Apr 1982, Atlanta, Fulton Co, GA ^{18,29,34} . |

Agnes Lucilla BLACKLEDGE and John CUNNINGHAM married.²⁷ **John CUNNINGHAM** was born about 1899 in AL.²⁷ He appeared in the census in 1940 in Mobile, Mobile Co, AL. John Cunningham (41, completed the 5th grade, stevedore) and his wife Agnes (30, completed 4 years of high school) are with son Francis Cunningham (8, completed 1 year of school), stepson Lawrence Battiste (16, completed 6 years of school), and stepdaughter Dorothy Battiste (14, completed 3 years of school). Agnes Lucilla BLACKLEDGE and John CUNNINGHAM had the following children:

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- 52 i. **Francis CUNNINGHAM** was born on 9 Oct 1931 in AL.^{27,29,35} He died on 22 Mar 2002 in Atlanta, Fulton Co (DeKalb Co?), GA.²⁹

40. **Dr. Clarence William ALLEN Jr.**¹¹ was born on 3 Dec 1893 in Mobile, Mobile Co, AL.^{4,19,22} He was single and a student at Fisk University in Nashville, TN, when he registered for the WW I draft in Mobile, Mobile Co, AL on 5 Jun 1917.²² He appeared in the census in 1920 in Iowa Falls, Hardin Co, IA. Clarence W. Allen (26, born in AL, college student), his wife Hazel (28, born in MN, no occupation), and their son Clarence Jr. (1, born in AL) are listed as nephews and niece in the home of Annis Ricks (52, born in IA, servant). Also in the household are Annis' brother Nelson Ricks (50, born in IA, professor at Tuskegee [sic]), Annis' sisters Fannie (47, servant) and May (44, servant). A cousin, Marvin E. Morgan (8, born in IA) is also living with them.

He appeared in the census in 1930 in Chicago, Cook Co, IL. Clarence [sic] Allen (35, born in AL, Negro, married at age 23, dentist in an office) and his wife Hazel (35, born in MN, Negro, married at age 23) are renting quarters on South Michigan Ave. for \$80 per month and have the following persons living with them: son Clarence [sic] Jr. (11, born in AL), daughter Josephine (4-7/12, born in IA), roomers Charley (42, born in MS, house carpenter) and Vina Brown (39, born in MS, laundress), and roomer Lyod [sic] Williams (28, born in IA, laborer at the post office). He died on 29 Jun 1948 in Mobile, Mobile Co, AL.¹¹ He was a dentist.²⁷ He was buried in Oaklawn Memorial Cemetery, Mobile, Mobile Co, AL.⁶

Dr. Clarence William ALLEN Jr. and Hazel RICK married about 1918.^{11,23} **Hazel RICK** was born in 1891 in MN.^{6,23} She died in 1964.⁶ She is called Hazel Rick on her son Clarence's death record.¹¹ She was buried in Oaklawn Memorial Cemetery, Mobile, Mobile Co, AL.⁶ Dr. Clarence William ALLEN Jr. and Hazel RICK had the following children:

- +53 i. **Clarence W. ALLEN III**, born in 1919, AL^{6,11,23}; married Laverne¹¹; died on 29 Jul 1970, Mobile, Mobile Co, AL^{6,11}.
- 54 ii. **Josephine ALLEN** was born about 1925 in IA.²³

Fifth Generation

47. **Margarette BLACKLEDGE** was born on 5 Feb 1925 in Cook Co, IL.^{23,31}

Margarette BLACKLEDGE and Loushious TARVER married on 25 May 1957 in Cook Co, IL.³²
Loushious TARVER.

49. **Dora BLACKLEDGE** was born on 26 Jul 1928 in Cook Co, IL.^{23,31}

Dora BLACKLEDGE and McKinley MORRIS married on 22 Mar 1951 in Cook Co, IL.³³ **McKinley MORRIS.**

51. **Dorothy BATTISTE** was born on 8 Jul 1925 in Mobile Co, AL.^{18,29} She died on 3 Apr 1982 in Atlanta, Fulton Co, GA.^{18,29,34}

Dorothy BATTISTE and Melvin ROBINSON married.¹⁸ **Melvin ROBINSON** was born in 1918.¹⁸ He died in 1979.¹⁸ Dorothy BATTISTE and Melvin ROBINSON had the following children:

55 i. <son> ROBINSON¹⁸.

53. **Clarence W. ALLEN III** was born in 1919 in AL.^{6,11,23} He died on 29 Jul 1970 in Mobile, Mobile Co, AL.^{6,11} He was buried in Oaklawn Memorial Cemetery, Mobile, Mobile Co, AL.⁶

Clarence W. ALLEN III and Laverne married.¹¹ **Laverne**.

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Descendants of Ervin Blackledge

First Generation

1. **Ervin BLACKLEDGE**¹ died before 26 Jul 2010.¹ His daughter Hadassah died on that date and Ervin is listed as deceased in her obituary.

Vera BAYLOR² was born about 1912 in MS.^{1,3} She appeared in the census in 1920 in Toulminville, Mobile Co, AL. Marshall Baylor (36) and his wife Angeline (38) were with their children: Marshall M. (11), Jassilla (10), Veria [sic] (8) and Teresia (3/12). She appeared in the census in 1930 in Toulminville, Mobile Co, AL. Marshall Baylor (49, married at age 22, laborer on a river boat) and his wife Angeline (49) were with their daughters Vera (17) and Theresa (11). She appeared in the census in 1940 in Toulminville, Mobile Co, AL. Vera McGhan (22, married) is in the household of her parents, Marshall (51) and Angeline (53, married) Baylor. Also in the household are Hadassah Blackledge (9, born in AL) who is listed after her mother Vera, another granddaughter of Marshall and Angeline, Amy Lucille Lee (9) and Maggie McCoy (50, widow) who is a sister of Marshall Baylor.

In this 1940 Census, Vera's surname is McGhan, but she is called Vera Davis, deceased, in her daughter Hadassah's obituary, suggesting that may have later married a Mr. Davis. She died before 26 Jul 2010.¹ Ervin BLACKLEDGE and Vera BAYLOR had the following children:

- +2 i. **Hadassah "Tea" BLACKLEDGE**, born on 6 Jan 1931, Prichard, Mobile Co, AL^{1,4}; married Ottie DIXON Sr.¹; died on 26 Jul 2010, Prichard, Mobile Co, AL^{1,4}.

Second Generation

2. **Hadassah "Tea" BLACKLEDGE** was born on 6 Jan 1931 in Prichard, Mobile Co, AL.^{1,4} She ap-

peared in the census in 1940 in Toulminville, Mobile Co, AL. Hadassah Blackledge (9, born in AL) is listed after her mother Vera McGhan (22, married) in the household of Vera's parents, Marshall (51) and Angeline (53, married) Baylor. Also in the household are another granddaughter, Amy Lucille Lee (9) and Maggie McCoy (50, widow) who is a sister of Marshall Baylor.

In this 1940 Census, Vera's surname is McGhan, but she is called Vera Davis in Hadassah's obituary, suggesting that she may have later married a Mr. Davis. She died on 26 Jul 2010 in Prichard, Mobile Co, AL.^{1,4} She was buried in Gethsemane North Cemetery, Eight Mile, Mobile Co, AL.^{1,4}

Hadassah "Tea" BLACKLEDGE and Ottie DIXON Sr. married.¹ **Ottie DIXON Sr.** died before 26 Jul 2010.¹ Ottie was said to be deceased in Hadassah's obituary. Hadassah "Tea" BLACKLEDGE and Ottie DIXON Sr. had the following children:

- 3 i. <infant daughter> **DIXON** was born on 4 Oct 1963 in Mobile Co, AL.⁵ She died on 4 Oct 1963 in Mobile, Mobile Co, AL.⁵
- +4 ii. **Yolander DIXON**, married Charles RUSSELL¹.
- +5 iii. **Wanda DIXON**, married Carey LABEAUD¹.
- +6 iv. **Phyllis DIXON**, married EDWARDS¹.
- +7 v. **Phillip DIXON**, married Fernita¹.
- +8 vi. **Ottie DIXON Jr.**, married Marilyn¹.

Third Generation

4. **Yolander DIXON**¹.

Yolander DIXON and Charles RUSSELL married.¹ **Charles RUSSELL**.

5. **Wanda DIXON**¹.

Wanda DIXON and Carey LABEAUD married.¹ **Carey LABEAUD**.

6. **Phyllis DIXON**¹.

Phyllis DIXON and EDWARDS married.¹ **EDWARDS**.

7. **Phillip DIXON**¹.

Phillip DIXON and Fernita married.¹ **Fernita**.

8. **Ottie DIXON Jr.**¹.

Ottie DIXON Jr. and Marilyn married.¹ **Marilyn**.

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Descendants of George Blackledge

First Generation

1. **George BLACKLEDGE** was born in May 1850 in AL.¹ He appeared in the census in 1880 in Mobile, Mobile Co, AL. Ge[orge] Blackledge (35, works in a livery stall) and his wife Celia (28, washes and irons) are with their daughter Eliza (2), and a James White (12, no relationship recorded). He appeared in the census in 1900 in Mobile, Mobile Co, AL. George Blackledge (50, married 25 years, hostler) and his wife Celia (40, married 25 years, mother of 4 children with 4 living, seamstress) are with their children: Jimmy W. (21, day laborer), Eliza (20, washwoman), Hortense (16, washwoman), and Pery [sic] (12, paralyzed).

George BLACKLEDGE and Celia married about 1875.¹ They were shown as being married for 25 years in the 1900 Census. **Celia** was born in May 1860 in AL.¹ George BLACKLEDGE and Celia had the following children:

- 2 i. **James WHITE** was born in Mar 1879 in AL.¹ He was shown as James White in the 1880 Census, but as James Blackledge in the 1900 Census. Because of that, it may be that he was adopted by George and Celia. This needs to be researched further.
- 3 ii. **Eliza BLACKLEDGE** was born in Jan 1880 in AL.¹
- +4 iii. **Hortense BLACKLEDGE**, born in Mar 1884, AL¹; married Robert G. JENKINS, on 31 Dec 1903, Mobile, Mobile Co, AL².
- 5 iv. **Percy BLACKLEDGE** was born in Jan 1888 in AL.¹ He died on 18 Feb 1909 in Mobile, Mobile Co, AL.³ The death record for Percy Blackledge shows him born abt 1886, died 18 Feb 1909 in Mobile, Mobile Co, AL, and the son of George Blackledge. He was noted as being paralyzed on the 1900 Census.¹

Second Generation

4. **Hortense BLACKLEDGE** was born in Mar 1884 in AL.¹ She appeared in the census in 1930 in Chicago, Cook Co, IL. Lodging with Phillip and Eddie Harris and their extended family are Hortense Jenkins (44, widow, servant for a private family), Hortense Jenkins (14, single, no occupation), and Paul Jenkins (16, single, porter for a drug store). She appeared in the census in 1940 in Chicago, Cook Co, IL. Hortense Jenkins [sic] (60, widow, completed 0 grades of school, domestic in a private home) has these people living with her: son Paul J. Jenkins [sic] (26, single, completed 0 grades of school, porter for a drug store), daughter Hortense Jenkins (24, single, completed 4 years of high school, typist for a WPA project), and a lodger Lloyd T. Goddard (21, single, completed 3 years of high school, waiter for the railroad). All lived in the same place in 1935 except Lloyd Goddard who lived then in Wyandotte Co, KS.

Hortense BLACKLEDGE and Robert G. JENKINS married on 31 Dec 1903 in Mobile, Mobile Co, AL.² The marriage record was in the names of Robert G. Jenkins and Hortense Blackridge, maiden over 18 years of age. It still needs to be proved that it is this Hortense Blackledge who married Robert G. Jenkins. Further research needed. **Robert G. JENKINS**² (son of Ben JENKINS and Parlie BYRD) was born on 24 Dec 1882 in Mobile Co, AL.^{4,5} He appeared in the census in 1910 in Mobile, Mobile Co, AL. Robert Jenkins (27, married one time for 7 years, cook) and his wife Hortense (24, married one time for 7 years, mother of 3 children with 3 still living, washerwoman) have their sons living with them: William (8), Robert (4), and Moteville [sic] (2). He registered for the WW I draft in Chicago, Cook Co, IL about 1917.⁴ Robert named his wife Hortense Jenkins of Chicago, IL, as his nearest relative.

He died on 6 Aug 1921 in Chicago, Cook Co, IL.⁵ Robert Jenkins' death record said he was Black, a janitor for Armour & Company, married to Hortense Jenkins, and son of Ben Jenkins born in Charleston, SC, and Parlie Byrd born in Uriah, AL. He was buried on 8 Aug 1921 in Lincoln Cemetery, Mt. Greenwood (Blue Island), Cook Co, IL.⁵ Hortense BLACKLEDGE and Robert G. JENKINS had the following children:

- 6 i. **William JENKINS** was born on 4 Dec 1901 in Mobile, Mobile Co, AL.⁶ William Jenkins' death record showed him to be the son of Robt. Jenkins and Hortense Blackridge [sic], all born in Mobile, AL. The record also said William was a chauffeur. He died on 23 May 1926 in Chicago, Cook Co, IL.⁶ He was buried on 26 May 1926 in Lincoln Cemetery, Mt. Greenwood (Blue Island), Cook Co, IL.⁶
- 7 ii. **Robert JENKINS** was born about 1906 in Mobile, Mobile Co, AL.^{6,7} He died on 14 Feb 1925 in Chicago, Cook Co, IL.⁶ Robert Jenkins' death record showed him to be a Black male, single, a laborer with the Chicago Motor Bureau, and son of Robert Jenkins and Hortense Blackleigh [sic], both born in Mobile, AL. He was buried on 19 Feb 1925 in Lincoln Cemetery, Mt. Greenwood (Blue Island), Cook Co, IL.⁶
- 8 iii. **Moteville JENKINS** was born about 1908 in AL.⁷
- 9 iv. **Paul JENKINS** was born about 1914 in AL.⁸
- 10 v. **Hortense JENKINS** was born about 1916 in AL.⁸

Sources for Report: Descendants of George Blackledge

1. 1900 Federal Census.
2. Alabama, County Marriages, 1809-1950, FamilySearch.org, online database.
3. Alabama, Deaths and Burials Index, 1881-1974, Ancestry.com online database.
4. World War I Civilian Draft Registrations, online database at Ancestry.com.
5. Cook County, Illinois, Deaths Index, 1878-1922, Ancestry.com.

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6. Illinois, Deaths and Stillbirths, 1916-1947, familysearch.org.

7. 1910 Federal Census.

8. 1930 Federal Census.

Descendants of Tom Blackledge

First Generation

1. **Tom BLACKLEDGE** was born about 1880.¹ He died about 1930.¹

Millie was born about 1885 in AL.¹ She died about 1946 in AL.¹ Tom BLACKLEDGE and Millie had the following children:

- +2 i. **Ervin BLACKLEDGE**, born on 1 Sep 1910, Mobile, Mobile Co, AL^{1,2}; married Martha SHELLY, on 1 Oct 1931, Mobile Co, AL³; married Patience THOMPSON⁴; died on 2 Feb 1968, Washington, D.C.^{1,2}.

Tom BLACKLEDGE had the following children:

- +3 i. **Bertram M. BLACKLEDGE Sr.**, born on 23 Mar 1949²; married Madelyn S.⁵; died on 21 Mar 1985^{2,5}.
- +4 ii. **Bernadette BLACKLEDGE**, married LYLES⁵.
- +5 iii. **Fay BLACKLEDGE AfAm**, married HARRISON⁵.
- +6 iv. **Inga BLACKLEDGE AfAm**, married WHITE⁵.
- +7 v. **Cynthia BLACKLEDGE**, married KIRKLAND⁵.
- 8 vi. **George BLACKLEDGE**⁵.
- 9 vii. **David BLACKLEDGE**⁵.

Second Generation

2. **Ervin BLACKLEDGE**⁵ was born on 1 Sep 1910 in Mobile, Mobile Co, AL.^{1,2} That is the date given by Inga Jackson, however the SSDI gave Ervin's birthdate as 1 Sep 1912. He and his wife Martha are listed in the city directory in Mobile, Mobile Co, AL in 1932.⁴ They are living at 710 S. Hamilton and Ervin is a laborer. He is listed as living at 2023 Savannah Place in the city directory in Washington, D.C in 1948.⁴ He was issued a Social Security number in TX before 1951.² He and his wife Patience were listed in the city directory in Washington, D.C in 1960.⁴ He died on 2 Feb 1968 in Washington, D.C.^{1,2}

Ervin BLACKLEDGE and Martha SHELLY married on 1 Oct 1931 in Mobile Co, AL.³ **Martha SHELLY**^{3,4}.

Ervin BLACKLEDGE and Patience THOMPSON married.⁴ **Patience THOMPSON** was born on 28 Aug 1924 in Nashville, Davidson Co, TN.^{1,2} That is the date given by Inga Jackson, however the SSDI

says 28 Aug 1923. She died on 12 Sep 1972.^{1,2} That is the date given by Inga Jackson's family tree, however, the SSDI said Patience died in Sep 1973 and last lived in Washington, D.C.

3. **Bertram M. BLACKLEDGE Sr.** was born on 23 Mar 1949.² He died on 21 Mar 1985.^{2,5} He was buried on 27 Mar 1985 in Interment Harmony Memorial Park, Washington, D.C..⁵

Bertram M. BLACKLEDGE Sr. and Madelyn S. married.⁵ **Madelyn S.** Bertram M. BLACKLEDGE Sr. and Madelyn S. had the following children:

10 i. **Bertram M. BLACKLEDGE Jr.**⁵.

4. **Bernadette BLACKLEDGE**⁵.

Bernadette BLACKLEDGE and LYLES married.⁵ **LYLES**.

5. **Fay BLACKLEDGE**⁵.

Fay BLACKLEDGE and HARRISON married.⁵ **HARRISON**.

6. **Inga BLACKLEDGE**⁵.

Inga BLACKLEDGE and WHITE married.⁵ **WHITE**.

7. **Cynthia BLACKLEDGE**⁵.

Cynthia BLACKLEDGE and KIRKLAND married.⁵ **KIRKLAND**.

Sources for Report: Descendants of Tom Blackledge

1. Inga Jackson (ingajackson1), "*blackledge Family Tree*," Ancestry.com family trees, online database.

2. Social Security Death Index (SSDI).

3. Colored Marriage License Index, Mobile County, Alabama, May 29, 1865 thru December 31, 1967, Alabama, County Marriages, 1809-1950, FamilySearch.org, online database.

4. U.S. City Directories, Ancestry.com.

5. Obituary for Bertram M. Blackledge, Sr., "*The Washington Post*," March 24, 1985.

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First Generation

1. **Willie G. BLACKLEDGE**¹ was born about 1889 in AL.² He appeared in the census in 1910 in Mobile, Mobile Co, AL. Willie G. Blackledge (21, Mulatto, married one time for three years, taylor [sic - tailor?], merchant) is listed alone.

Willie G. BLACKLEDGE and Florence D. WILLIAMS married on 6 Nov 1906 in Mobile Co, AL.¹ The marriage record for W. G. Blackledge and Florence Williams (maiden 17 years of age) had a note attached from Florence's mother that read: *I Lavenia Turner, mother of Florence Williams do hereby give my full & free consent to her marriage with W. G. Blackledge. Witness my hand & seal this the [?]th day of November ad 1906. Witnesses: Hendon Williams [Florence's brother] and Dora Prince [Florence's grandmother].* **Florence D. WILLIAMS** (daughter of WILLIAMS and Louvenia) was born in Sep 1888 in AL.^{1,3} Her mother, Louvenia, later married a Mr. Turner. She appeared in the census in 1900 in Mobile, Mobile Co, AL. Florence D. Williams (11. born in Sep 1888 in AL) was living in a household headed by her grandmother Dora Prince (51, born Jul 1848 in AL, widow, mother of 5 children with 2 still living), chambermaid). Others in the household were Florence's mother Luvenia Turner (33, born in Jul 1866 in AL, mother of 4 children with 4 living, widow, washerwoman), and Florence's siblings, Frank Williams (16), Hendon J. Williams (12), and William Williams (11). Willie G. BLACKLEDGE and Florence D. WILLIAMS had the following children:

- +2 i. **Carroll BLACKLEDGE**, born in 1907, AL²; married Pearl PARKER, on 3 Apr 1929, Mobile Co, AL^{1,4,5}.

Second Generation

2. **Carroll BLACKLEDGE** was born in 1907 in AL.² Carroll Blackledge was 2-11/12 years old in the census taken on 2 May 1910 in Mobile, Mobile Co, AL, when he was living with his grandmother, Luvina Turner (43, widow). Also in the household are Luvina's son, Frank Williams (27, widower, laborer doing odd jobs), and lodgers, Robert (36, boilermaker, married 8 years) and Anna (28, married 8 years, 0 children, dressmaker at home) Scott. He appeared in the census in 1910 in Mobile, Mobile Co, AL. Carroll Blackledge (2-11/12) is living with his grandmother, Luvenia [sic] Turner. He appeared in the census in 1920 in Mobile, Mobile Co, AL. Carrol [sic] Blackledge (12) is living with his grandmother Levena [sic] Turner (53, widow, hotel laundress). He appeared in the census in 1930 in Mobile, Mobile Co, AL. Carrol [sic] Blackledge (22, married at age 22, waiter at a country club, owns his home valued at \$1,000) is head of the household consisting of his wife Pearl (18, married at age 18, no occupation), his grandmother Louvenia [sic] Turner (64, widow, baby nurse for a private family), and his daughter Joyce Blackledge (0).

Carroll BLACKLEDGE and Pearl PARKER married on 3 Apr 1929 in Mobile Co, AL.^{1,4,5} The marriage record showed that Carroll Blackledge was 29 and a waiter; Pearl Parker was 18 and had no occupation; it was a first marriage for each; and both were residents of Mobile, AL. **Pearl PARKER**⁵ was born on 26 Sep 1912 in AL.^{4,6} She died on 5 Aug 1990.⁶ Carroll BLACKLEDGE and Pearl PARKER had the following children:

- 3 i. **Joyce BLACKLEDGE** was born about 1930 in AL.⁴

Sources for Report: Descendants of Willie G. Blackledge

1. Alabama, County Marriages, 1809-1950, FamilySearch.org, online database.
2. 1910 Federal Census.
3. 1900 Federal Census.
4. 1930 Federal Census.
5. Colored Marriage License Index, Mobile County, Alabama, May 29, 1865 thru December 31, 1967, Alabama, County Marriages, 1809-1950, FamilySearch.org, online database.
6. Social Security Death Index (SSDI).

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Descendants of Fred Blackledge

First Generation

1. **Fred BLACKLEDGE** was born in Mar 1820 in NC.¹ Only the 1870 and 1900 Censuses showed him born in NC; all other records said AL. He appeared in the census in 1870 in Forkland, Greene Co, AL. Fred Blackledg [sic] (58, laborer on farm, has personal estate valued at \$25) is with Lettie Blackledg (58, born in NC,), James Blackledg (18, laborer on farm, born in AL), Chas. Blackledg (16, laborer on farm, born in AL), Fred Blackledg (14, laborer on farm, born in AL), Isaac Blackledg (12, laborer on farm, born in AL), and Francis Blackledg (10, born in AL). All were shown as Black and unable to read and write.

He appeared in the census in 1880 in Scott, Perry Co, AL. Fred Blackliage [indexed on Ancestry.com as Blaskliage] (57, laborer) and his wife Lettice (58, laborer) were with their children: Fred (23, laborer), Isack [indexed as Jack] (20, laborer), and Francis (19, laborer). All were Black, born in AL as well as the parents of Fred and Lettice, and all were marked as unable to read and write except Francis who was marked as attended school during the year and unable to write.

He appeared in the census in 1900 in Perry Co, AL. Found in Precinct 4, Fred Blackledge (80, farmer) and his wife of 59 years, Lettice (84, mother of 17 children with 4[?] still living) had their daughter Frances Robison (40, born in Feb 1860, mother of 3 children with 2 living, divorced), grand-daughter Sadie Robison (14, born in July 1885, at school), grandson Jack Robison (11, born in Dec 1888, farm laborer), and grandson James Blackledge (12, born in May 1888, farm laborer) living with them. Fred and Lettice as well as their parents were born in NC; all others were born in AL.

He appeared in the census in 1910 in Scott, Perry Co, AL. Fed Blacklage [sic] (92, married one time for 70 years, farmer) was with his wife Lettine [sic] (94, married one time for 70 years, mother of 18 children with 5 still living). In the same house, but with a different family number, are Frances Roberson (50, divorced, farm laborer) and her son Jack Roberson (21, single, farm laborer), and Samuel Blacklage (grandson, 9, farm laborer). It is not clear from the census if Samuel is Frances' grandson or Fred and Lettice's grandson.

He died on 11 Feb 1917 in Perry Co, AL.² The death record for Fred Blacklege [sic] said he was 103

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years old, Black male, widowed.

Fred BLACKLEDGE and Lettice ROBERTS married about 1841.³ **Lettice ROBERTS** was born in Mar 1816 in NC.^{2,3} She was listed as Lettie, 58, in the 1870 Census; Lettice, 58, in the 1880 Census; Lettice, 84, born in March 1816 in NC; and Leddie Roberts on her daughter Francis' death record. The 1870 and 1900 Censuses said she was born in NC, while other records said AL.

She is believed to have earlier married Sam Fenderson and had sons Boston and Shep. The compilers believe that this is the Lettice Blackledge who Paulette Fenderson Hebert first brought to their attention in 2010 as the mother of a number of children with Blackledge surnames and as the mother of Boston and Shep Fenderson. On his Freedman's Bank loan account application on 5 Jan 1870, Boston Fenderson said he was born in Greene Co, AL and then listed his (1) father as Sam Fenderson ("*not seen him since I was 7 yrs. old -- he was sold away*"); (2) his mother as Lettice Blackledge ("*C. in Ala.*"); (3) brothers as Sam. Blackledge of Perry Co, AL, Jacob B., James, Charles and Isaac; and (4) sisters as Edy, Mary, Lettice, and Hester. The form does not ask for the maiden name of Boston's mother, only her name and the compilers believe that Boston Fenderson gave the name of his mother as it was in 1870. In the 1870 Census we find Fred and Lettice Blackledge listed in Greene Co, AL with five of their children. The 1900 Census shows Lettice Blackledge as the mother of 17 children with 4 living, while the 1910 Census shows her as the mother of 18 children with 5 still living. Lettice would have been 84 years old in 1900 and so she probably had merely misstated the number of children for one of those censuses. Fred BLACKLEDGE and Lettice ROBERTS had the following children:

- +2 i. **Jack BLACKLEDGE**, born in Feb 1844, Greensboro, Hale Co, AL^{2,3}; married Fannie, about 1865^{2,3}; died on 7 Aug 1928, McDowell, Sumter Co, AL².
- +3 ii. **Samuel BLACKLEDGE * AfAm AL**, born in Mar 1844, AL³; married Betty AGNEW, about 1866³.
- 4 iii. **Edy BLACKLEDGE**⁴.
- 5 iv. **Mary BLACKLEDGE**⁴.
- 6 v. **Lettice BLACKLEDGE**⁴.
- 7 vi. **Hester BLACKLEDGE**⁴.
- 8 vii. **James BLACKLEDGE** was born about 1852 in AL.¹
- +9 viii. **Charles BLACKLEDGE**, born about 1854, AL¹; married Hanna ELLIS, on 28 Dec 1876, Greene Co, AL⁵.
- +10 ix. **Isaiah P./Isaac BLACKLEDGE**, born in Oct 1855, AL³; married Willie Lee BANKS, on 13 May 1886, Bibb Co, AL^{3,6}; died on 26 Jun 1914⁷.
- 11 x. **Fred BLACKLEDGE** was born about 1856 in AL.¹
- +12 xi. **Frances BLACKLEDGE**, born about 1860, AL^{1,2}; married ROBISON³; died on 20 Nov 1936, West Blocton, Bibb Co, AL^{2,3}.

Second Generation

2. **Jack BLACKLEDGE** was born in Feb 1844 in Greensboro, Hale Co, AL.^{2,3} He appeared in the census in 1870 in Greensboro, Hale Co, AL. Jack Blacklage [sic] (23, farm laborer) and his wife Fannie (26) are with these children: Estha [sic] (9), John (7), William (3), and Rachel (1). All were Black, born in AL, and were marked cannot to read and write. He appeared in the census in 1880 in Forkland, Greene Co, AL. Jack Blackridge [sic] (40, farm laborer) and his wife Fanny (30, farm laborer) have these children living with them: Martin (13, farm laborer), Lettie (8), America (female, 5), and Fred (3). All were designated Black, born in AL, and cannot read or write.

He appeared in the census in 1900 in Demopolis, Marengo Co, AL. Jack Blackledge (56, born Feb 1844 in AL, married 35 years, both parents born in NC, farmer) and his wife Fannie (49, born in Nov 1850 in AL, married 35 years, mother of 8 children with 3 still living, both parents born in NC) have their granddaughter Gertrude Reese (12, born in Mar 1888 in AL) living with them. He appeared in the census in 1920 in Belmont, Sumter Co, AL. Jack Blackledge, (76, born in AL, farmer) and his wife Fanny [sic] (75, born in NC [sic], farm laborer) have Jack's sister-in-law Sady Coleman (59, widow, born in AL, farm laborer) living with them. He died on 7 Aug 1928 in McDowell, Sumter Co, AL.² The death record for Jack Balcklegs [sic] said he was 85 years old, born in Greensboro, AL, Black, died 7 Aug 1928 in McDowell, Sumter Co, AL, was a farmer and preacher, married to Fannie Blacklegs [sic], son of Jack Balcklegs [sic] who was born in NC. He was buried on 8 Aug 1928 in Palestine Cemetery, Sumter Co, NC.²

Jack BLACKLEDGE and Fannie married about 1865.^{2,3} **Fannie** (daughter of <unknown> and Rachial) was born in Nov 1850 in AL.^{1,3} That date was given in the 1900 Census, however in the 1870 Census she was 26 years old making her born abt 1844. She died on 8 Jul 1929 in McDowell, Sumter Co, AL.^{8,9} The death record for Fannie Blacklidge [sic] says she was the daughter of an unknown father and Rachial [sic] and the spouse of Jack Blacklidge [sic]. Jack BLACKLEDGE and Fannie had the following children:

- 13 i. **Estha BLACKLEDGE** was born about 1861 in AL.¹
- 14 ii. **John BLACKLEDGE** was born about 1863 in AL.¹
- 15 iii. **William Martin BLACKLEDGE** was born about 1867 in AL.^{1,10} He was called William in the 1870 Census, but Martin in the 1880 Census.
- 16 iv. **Rachel BLACKLEDGE** was born about 1869 in AL.¹
- 17 v. **Lettie BLACKLEDGE** was born about 1872 in AL.¹⁰
- 18 vi. **America BLACKLEDGE** was born about 1875 in AL.¹⁰
- 19 vii. **Fred BLACKLEDGE** was born about 1877 in AL.¹⁰
- 20 viii. **Willis JACKSON** was born about 1881.⁹ He died on 5 Dec 1951 in Coatopa, Sumter Co, AL.⁹ The transcription of the death record for Willis Jackson said his parents were Zach Blacklige and Fannie Blacklige. The compilers believe Zach was incorrectly transcribed and should have been Jack; however, nothing more is know about Willis, including why his surname was Jackson instead of Blackledge.

3. **Samuel BLACKLEDGE** was born in Mar 1844 in AL.³ It is not certain that this Samuel is a child of Lettice and Fred Blackledge, but he has been placed in this family because he was in the same area for the 1900 Census. He appeared in the census in 1900 in Perry Co, AL. Samuel Blacklege [sic] (56, born Mar 1844 in AL, father born in NC and mother born in AL, farmer) is with his wife Betsey (53, born Mar 1847 in AL). Samuel and Betsey had been married 34 years, and Betsey was the mother 3 children with only 1 still living. He appeared in the census in 1910 in Scotts, Perry Co, AL. Samuel Blacklege [sic] (55, married one time for 45 years, farmer) and his wife Bettie Blacklege [sic] (54, married once for 45 years, mother of 3 children with one still living) have their granddaughter Elize Polk (28, born in AL, married once for 10 years, mother of four children with three still living), great-grandson Willie Polk (9, born in AL), and great-granddaughter Gertrude Polk (4, born in AL) living with them.

Samuel BLACKLEDGE and Betty AGNEW married about 1866.³ **Betty AGNEW**² (daughter of Jack AGNEW and Ann HAWKINS) was born in Mar 1847 in AL.³ She is called Betsey in the 1900 Census, but called Bettie in the 1910 Census where she is abt 10 years younger than in the 1900 Census. She died on 31 Mar 1928 in Newbern, Hale Co, AL. It still needs to be proved that this is the right person for the death record of Betty Blackledge, born abt 1840 in AL and died 31 Mar 1928. The death record shows Betty to be Black, widowed, daughter of Jack Agnew born in AL and Ann Hawkins born in AL, and spouse of Sam Blackledge. Samuel BLACKLEDGE and Betty AGNEW had the following children:

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- 21 i. <child> **BLACKLEDGE**³.
- 22 ii. <child> **BLACKLEDGE** died before 1900.³
- 23 iii. <child> **BLACKLEDGE** died before 1900.³

9. **Charles BLACKLEDGE** was born about 1854 in AL.¹

Charles BLACKLEDGE and Hanna ELLIS married on 28 Dec 1876 in Greene Co, AL.⁵ It still needs to be proved that Hanna Ellis married this Charles Blackledge. It seems likely since he was in Greene Co, AL in the 1870 Census and would have been of a reasonable age to be married in 1876. **Hanna ELLIS**.

10. **Isaiah P./Isaac BLACKLEDGE**¹¹ was born in Oct 1855 in AL.³ That is the date on the 1900 Census where he is called Isaiah. He is called I. P. in the 1910 Census, but Isaac P. on his tombstone. His son Fred's WW I draft registration card showed his father was born in Tuscaloosa Co, AL. He appeared in the census in 1900 in Tuscaloosa Co, AL. Isaiah Blackledge (44, coal miner) and his wife Mellie [sic] (34, mother of 8 children with 6 still living) were with their six surviving children: Charles W. (11), Mary A. (9), Ella (7), Please (5), Fred (4), and Sam (1). He appeared in the census in 1910 in Vance, Tuscaloosa Co, AL. I. P. Blackledge (56, farmer) and his wife Willie (37) were with their children: Charley (20), Mary (17), Ellie E. (16), Plessie M. (14), Fred J. (12), Sammie (9), I. P. Jr. (7), and Mahala (5). He died on 26 Jun 1914.⁷ He was buried in Banks Chapel Baptist Church Cemetery, Vance, Bibb Co, AL.⁷ His tombstone reads: *Isaac P. Blackledge Feb. 5, 1858 Jun. 26, 1914*.

It still needs to be proved that this Isaac is the son of Fred and Lettice Blackledge who was with them in the 1870 Census (12 years old so born abt 1858) and the 1880 Census (20 years old so born abt 1860). He did name one son Fred, and so it seems likely that this Isaac is the right one despite the several years age difference from the 1870 to the 1900 Census.

Isaiah P./Isaac BLACKLEDGE and Willie Lee BANKS married on 13 May 1886 in Bibb Co, AL.^{3,6} Their names on the marriage record are Mr. Isaah [sic] Blackledge and Miss Willie Banks; and on the cover for the marriage license they are Mr. Isaac Blacklage and Miss Willie Banks. However, the marriage records index shows her name as Millie Banks. **Willie Lee BANKS**² (daughter of Ples BANKS) was born in Apr 1864 in AL.^{2,3} She was called Mellie or Millie in the 1900 Census, but Willie in other census records, Willie Lee Banks Blackledge on her death record, and Willie Banks on her son Fred's WW I draft registration form and on his death record. She appeared in the census in 1920 in Vance, Tuscaloosa Co, AL. Willie Blackledge (45, widow, farmer) was with her children: Sam (16, farm laborer), Isach [sic] (14, farm laborer) and Bell (12, farm laborer). She died on 9 Mar 1929 in Tuscaloosa Co, AL.^{2,8} The death record for Willie Lee Blackledge who died 9 Mar 1929 said she was a widow of Isaah [sic] Blackledge and daughter of Ples Banks and D.K. [don't know]. She was buried on 11 Mar 1929 in Bank Quarters.² Isaiah P./Isaac BLACKLEDGE and Willie Lee BANKS had the following children:

- 24 i. <child> **BLACKLEDGE** died before 1900.³
- +25 ii. **Charles W. BLACKLEDGE**, born on 12 Sep 1888, Woodstock, Bibb Co, AL^{2,3,7,12-14}; married Luzella BANKS, on 8 Mar 1913, Banks Plantation, Bibb Co, AL^{6,13}; married Callie¹⁵; married Anna²; died on 29 Dec 1968, Woodstock, Tuscaloosa Co, AL^{2,7,9}.
- 26 iii. **Mary A. BLACKLEDGE** was born in Jun 1890 in AL.³
- 27 iv. **Ella E. BLACKLEDGE** was born in Jun 1892 in AL.³
- +28 v. **Pleasie Milton BLACKLEDGE**, born on 19 Apr 1895, AL^{3,7,14}; married Ruby MILLER, on 11 May 1925, Bessemer, Jefferson Co, AL⁵; married Mannie¹³; died on 20 Feb 1953, Tuskegee, Macon Co, AL^{2,7,8}.

- +29 vi. **Fred Jackson BLACKLEDGE**, born on 17 Apr 1896, Vance, Tuscaloosa Co, AL^{2,3,6,16}; married Lula ALLEN, on 15 Oct 1927, Jefferson Co, AL^{2,5}; married Josephine¹³; married Lucile CRAIG, on 18 Sep 1937, Birmingham, Jefferson Co, AL⁶; died on 11 May 1943, Praco, Jefferson Co, AL².
- 30 vii. <child> **BLACKLEDGE** died before 1900.³
- +31 viii. **Sam J. BLACKLEDGE**, born on 3 Mar 1899, AL^{3,7,13,15-17}; married Amy MOORE, about 1921¹³; died on 5 May 1976, Cuyahoga Co, OH^{7,18}.
- +32 ix. **Isaiah P. BLACKLEDGE Jr.**, born about 1903, AL¹¹; married Milva¹⁵; married Viola²; died on 17 Jan 1968, Birmingham, Jefferson Co, AL².
- 33 x. **Mahala BLACKLEDGE** was born about 1905 in AL.¹¹ She is probably the child called Bell, age 12, shown with her mother on the census in Vance, Tuscaloosa Co, AL in 1920.¹⁹
- +34 xi. **BLACKLEDGE**, married BANKS²⁰.

12. **Frances BLACKLEDGE** was born about 1860 in AL.^{1,2} She was noted as being divorced in the censuses taken in 1900 and again in Perry Co, AL in 1910.^{3,11} In both the 1900 and 1910 census records, Frances is divorced and living with her parents, along with her son Jack. In 1900, her surname looks more like Robison, but in 1910 it looks like Roberson. She died on 20 Nov 1936 in West Blocton, Bibb Co, AL.^{2,3} The transcript of the death record for Francis Blackledge [Grancis Blackledge] said she was a Black female, born in 1860 in AL, farm hand, widowed, and daughter of Fred Blackledge born in Newbern, AL, and Leddie Roberts born in Newben [sic], AL. She was buried on 6 Dec 1936 in Newbern, AL.²

Frances BLACKLEDGE and ROBISON married.³ **ROBISON**. Frances BLACKLEDGE and ROBISON had the following children:

- 35 i. **Sadie ROBISON** was born in Jul 1885 in AL.³
- 36 ii. **Jack ROBISON** was born in May 1888 in AL.³

Third Generation

25. **Charles W. BLACKLEDGE** was born on 12 Sep 1888 in Woodstock, Bibb Co, AL.^{2,3,7,12-14} That is the date on his tombstone and WW II draft card, however, the 1900 Census said he was born in Apr 1889. He was listed as Charles W. Blackledge in the 1900 Census. He appeared in the census in 1930 in Youngstown, Mahoning Co, OH. Charlie Blackledge (40, negro, married at age 25, cannot read or write, laborer in a steel mill) was with his wife Luzella (32, married at age 17, able to read and write), and children Kattie [sic] L. (12), Clara (12), Charles H. (3-7/12), and James I. (5). Charlie's mother-in-law and brother-in-law Kattie Banks (49, widow, cleaner of private homes) and Henry Banks (28, laborer in a steel mill) were also in the household along with a roomer, Albert Gray (37, laborer in a steel mill).

He appeared in the census in 1940 in Youngstown, Mahoning Co, OH. Charles Blackledge (51, born in AL, married, completed 4th grade, laborer in the steel mills) and his wife Callie (52, born in AL, married, completed 1 year of high school) had these people living with them: son Charles Blackledge Jr. (13, born in OH, single, completed 4th grade), stepdaughter Johnnie M. Jones (33, born in AL, married, completed 1 year of high school, house keeping aid), and grandsons Cornelius Jones (15, born in OH, completed 7 years of school), William Jones (5, born in OH), and Thomas Jones (3, born in OH). All were Negro.

He was living at 110 Penn Av, Youngstown, Mahoning Co, OH, when he registered for the WW II

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draft in 1942.¹⁴ The registration card said Charlie (no middle name) Blackledge was 53; born 12 Sep 1888 in Bibb Co, AL; worked for Youngstown Sheet & Tube Company; and gave Mrs. Callie Blackledge of the same address as the person who would always know his address. He died on 29 Dec 1968 in Woodstock, Tuscaloosa Co, AL.^{2,7,9} The death record for Charlie Blackledge who was born abt 1888 and died 29 Dec 1968 listed his parents as Isiah [sic] Blackledge and Willie Blackledge and his spouse as Anna Blackledge. He was buried in Banks Chapel Baptist Church Cemetery, Vance, Bibb Co, AL.⁷

Charles W. BLACKLEDGE and Luzella BANKS married on 8 Mar 1913 in Banks Plantation, Bibb Co, AL.^{6,13} The marriage license and record are in the names of Mr. Charlie Blacklege and Miss Louzella/Louella Banks. **Luzella BANKS** (daughter of Lucky K. BANKS and Kattie CALHOUN) was born on 25 May 1899 in Woodstock or Blockton, AL.¹² Luzella's and her daughter Mary Ellen's death certificates showed the former birth place, but her daughter Katie's said the latter. She died of acute endocarditis and acute nephritis on 14 Feb 1931 in Youngstown, Mahoning Co, OH.¹² She was buried on 19 Feb 1931 in Tod Homestead Cemetery, Youngstown, OH.¹² Charles W. BLACKLEDGE and Luzella BANKS had the following children:

- 37 i. **Willie Lee BLACKLEDGE** was born about 1914 in AL.² She died on 5 Mar 1917 in Bibb Co, AL.² The transcript of her death record showed her name as Willie Lee Blackleigh, daughter of Chas Blackleigh and Luzella Blackleigh.
- 38 ii. **Katie BLACKLEDGE** was born on 11 Feb 1916 in Woodstock, AL.²¹ She died of pulmonary tuberculosis on 11 Jun 1932 in Youngstown, Mahoning Co, OH.²¹ The informant for Katie Blackledge's death certificate was Charles Blackledge, who gave her parents as Charles Blackledge, born in Woodstock, AL, and Luzella Banks, born in Blockton, AL. She was buried on 15 Jun 1932 in ME Hope Park.²¹
- +39 iii. **Clara Cleo BLACKLEDGE**, born about 1920, Bibb Co, AL^{13,22}; married Derry Henry MOODY, on 11 Mar 1937, New Cumberland, WV^{12,22}.
- 40 iv. **Mary Ellen BLACKLEDGE** was born on 25 Aug 1922 in Youngstown, Mahoning Co, OH.²³ She died when just 2 months 17 days old on 8 Nov 1922 in Youngstown, Mahoning Co, OH.²³ The informant for Mary Ellen's death certificate was Mrs. Charles Blackledge who gave the parents as Charles Blackledge and Luzella Banks, both born in Woodstock, AL. She was buried on 9 Nov 1922 in Tod Homestead Cemetery, Youngstown, OH.²³
- 41 v. **James I. BLACKLEDGE** was born about 1925 in OH.^{13,24} He died on 30 Mar 1941 in Columbus, Franklin Co, OH.²⁴ He was buried on 1 Apr 1941 in Youngstown, Mahoning Co, OH.²⁴
- 42 vi. **Charles H. BLACKLEDGE** was born about 1926 in OH.^{13,20} He died on 4 Oct 1970 in St. Elizabeth Hospital, Youngstown, Mahoning Co, OH.²⁰ He never married.²⁰
- 43 vii. **Samuel BLACKLEDGE** was born on 14 Sep 1928 in Youngstown, Mahoning Co, OH.²⁵ He died of bronchopneumonia on 30 Jan 1929 in Youngstown, Mahoning Co, OH.²⁵ The informant for Samuel's death certificate was Mrs. Luzella Blackledge who listed his parents as Charles Blackledge and Luzella Banks, both born in AL. He was buried on 31 Jan 1929 in Tod Homestead Cemetery, Youngstown, OH.²⁵

Charles W. BLACKLEDGE and Callie married.¹⁵ **Callie** was born about 1888 in AL.¹⁵ She probably had been married before. Johnnie M. Jones in the 1940 Census is probably her daughter.¹⁵

Charles W. BLACKLEDGE and Anna married.² **Anna**².

28. **Pleasie Milton BLACKLEDGE** was born on 19 Apr 1895 in AL.^{3,7,14} His WW I draft card said he

was born on the 20th while his WW II draft card said the 19th and his tombstone says the 30th. He was a coal miner in Dolomite, AL, when he registered for the WW I draft in Jefferson Co, AL on 5 Jun 1917. At that time, Pleasie was supporting his mother, 2 sisters, his wife and child. He appeared in the census in 1920 in Jefferson Co, AL. His first name is scratched over or erased on the census form, but it is indexed as Pless. The entry shows [Pless] Blackledge (unknown age, single, coal miner) as one of 4 boarders in the household of Idella [?]. He appeared in the census in 1930 in Logan, Logan Co, WV. Ples Blackled [sic] (30, born in AL, married the first time at age 22, coal miner) was with his wife Mannie (26, born in AL, married the first time at age 18).

He lived in Logan, Logan Co, WV when he registered for the WW II draft in 1942.¹⁴ Pleasie Milton Blackledge was then employed by George's Creek Coal Co, Inc. and gave Selitina Blackledge of Logan as the person who would always know his address. Nothing more is known about Selitina at this time. He is probably the Plesa Blackledge listed in the city directory in Newark, OH in 1946.²⁶ Plesa [sic] was residing at 394 Henderson Av. in Newark, OH. He died on 20 Feb 1953 in Tuskegee, Macon Co, AL.^{2,7,8} He was buried in Banks Chapel Baptist Church Cemetery, Vance, Bibb Co, AL.⁷ He served in WW I.^{7,27} Pleasie enlisted on 19 Jun 1918 and was discharged on 12 Jul 1919. He served in Co. G of the Alabama 802 Pioneer Infantry as a Cpl. His daughter, Mrs. Signa B. Smelley applied on 20 Mar 1953 for a headstone for military veterans. That application gave his name as Pleasie M. Blackledge, born on 30 Apr 1895 and died on 20 Feb 1953.

Estelle BROWN (daughter of William BROWN and Drucillia BANKS) was born about 1899 in AL.¹⁹ She appeared in the census in 1920 in West Blocton, Bibb Co, AL. Stella [sic] Blackledge (21, Black, born in AL, laundress for a family) had her daughters Signamae [sic] (3-11/12) and Rosalee (1-1/12) and her cousin Arthur Allen (25, single, coal miner) living with her. She later married William "Willie" Ray in Jefferson Co, AL on 29 Oct 1934.⁶ The marriage record said Willie Ray was 26 years old and Estelle Blackledge was 34 years old. She appeared in the census in 1940 in Birmingham, Jefferson Co, AL. William Ray (32, coal miner) and his wife Estelle (39, completed 3 years of high school, proprietor of a lunch room) have Estelle's daughter Rosa Bladslege [sic] (20, single, completed 4 years of high school, musician in a college) living with them. She died on 14 Feb 1968 in Fairfield, Jefferson Co, AL.⁹ The death record for Estelle Ray said she was the spouse of Will Ray and the daughter of William Brown and Drucillia Banks. She was listed as mother on Signa Mae Blackledge Smelley's death record and Signa's marriage record.² Pleasie Milton BLACKLEDGE and Estelle BROWN had the following children:

- +44 i. **Signa Mae BLACKLEDGE**, born on 1 Jan 1916, Bibb Co, AL^{2,28}; married Frederick Leon SNELLEY, on 8 Nov 1947, Birmingham, Jefferson Co, AL^{2,6,28}; died on 11 Jul 1961, Birmingham, Jefferson Co, AL^{2,28}.
- 45 ii. **Rosalee BLACKLEDGE** was born in 1919 in AL.¹⁹ She appeared in the census in 1930 in West Blocton, Bibb Co, AL. Sigamae M. Blackledge (13, born in AL) and Rosa L. Blackledge (10, born in AL) are listed as nieces in the household of Isaih [sic] S. Dooley (47, married the first time at age 20, coal miner) and his wife Emma Dooley (44, married the first time at age 34). She appeared in the census in 1940 in West Blocton, Bibb Co, AL. Again, Sigma [sic] Blackledge (23, completed one year of college) and Rosa Blackledge (20, completed four years of high school) are listed as nieces in the household of I. S. (62, completed five years of school, coal miner) and Emma (57, completed three years of school) Dooley.

Pleasie Milton BLACKLEDGE and Ruby MILLER married on 11 May 1925 in Bessemer, Jefferson Co, AL.⁵ The marriage record shows that Pleas [sic] Blackledge was 22 years old and Ruby Miller was 18 years old. **Ruby MILLER** was born about 1907.⁵

Pleasie Milton BLACKLEDGE and Mannie married.¹³ **Mannie** was born about 1904 in AL.¹³ She may

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be the Ruby Miller who married Ples Blackledge in 1925.

29. **Fred Jackson BLACKLEDGE** was born on 17 Apr 1896 in Vance, Tuscaloosa Co, AL.^{2,3,6,16} The birth was Feb 1896 in the 1900 Census, but 17 Apr 1897 on his WW I Draft form, marriage record with Lucile Craig, and his death record. His marriage record with Lucile Craig showed him to be the son of Isaac Blackledge and Willie Banks. He listed his mother Willie Blackledge of Woodstock, AL, as his nearest relative on his draft form in Centerville, Bibb Co, AL on 5 Jun 1918.⁷ He appeared in the census in 1930 in Walker Co, AL. Fred Blackledge (30, married the first time at age 27, coal miner) is with his wife Josephine (17, married the first time at age 16) and son Huston SIMON [surname not fully legible] (11, born in AL). Huston is probably Josephine's son. He appeared in the census in 1940 in Praco, Jefferson Co, AL. Fred Blackledge (42, Negro male, completed the sixth grade, lived in the same house in 1935, coal miner) and his wife Lucile (35, Negro female, lived in Ensley, Jefferson Co, AL in 1935, completed the eighth grade) have his nephew Walter Banks (9, Negro male, completed the first grade, lived in Tuscaloosa, AL, in 1935) living with them. He died on 11 May 1943 in Praco, Jefferson Co, AL.²

Fred Jackson BLACKLEDGE and Lula ALLEN married on 15 Oct 1927 in Jefferson Co, AL.^{2,5} **Lula ALLEN** was born about 1902.⁵ She was 25 years old on her marriage record in 1927.

Fred Jackson BLACKLEDGE and Josephine married.¹³ **Josephine** was born about 1913 in GA.¹³

Fred Jackson BLACKLEDGE and Lucile CRAIG married on 18 Sep 1937 in Birmingham, Jefferson Co, AL.⁶ The marriage record shows this is a second marriage for both Fred and Lucile whose previous spouses had died. **Lucile CRAIG** (daughter of Louis CRAIG and Margie PHILLIPS) was born in Jul 1904 in Uniontown, AL.^{6,15} Lucille and Fred's marriage record shows her as 33 years old, born Jul 1904.

31. **Sam J. BLACKLEDGE**¹⁵ was born on 3 Mar 1899 in AL.^{3,7,13,15-17} The 1900 Census showed him born in Feb, but his WW I draft form, the SSDI and his Find A Grave Memorial say 3 Mar 1899. He registered for the WW I draft in Tuscaloosa, Tuscaloosa Co, AL on 12 Sep 1918.¹⁶ Sam Blackledge, 18, was farming for himself and gave his mother Willie Blackledge of Vance, Tuscaloosa Co, AL, as his nearest relative. Sam was described as being of medium height and build, with black eyes and hair. The form spells his surname Blacklege, however his signature spells it Blackledge. He appeared in the census in 1930 in Vance, Tuscaloosa Co, AL. Same Blackledge (28, married at age 20, farmer) and his wife Amy (26, married at 18) are with their children, Manly (8), Samie (6), Sallie M. (5), Victor (4), Dallie [sic] M. (2-9/12) and Orange (1-1/12). All were born in AL.

He appeared in the census in 1940 in Tuscaloosa Co, AL. Sam J. Black [sic] (41, 6th grade education, miner) and his wife Amy J. (36, 7th grade education) are with their children: Manuel [sic] (19, 7th grade education, farm laborer), Sam Jr. (17, 5th grade education, farm laborer), Sally Mae (16, 7th grade education, farm laborer), Victor (15, 6th grade education, farm laborer), Dolly Mae (13, 4th grade education), Orange [designated a daughter on this census] (12, 4th grade education), Ester Lee (8, 2nd grade education), and Mary E. (6, 1st grade education). He died on 5 May 1976 in Cuyahoga Co, OH.^{7,18} The death record said that Sam Blackledge was 87 years old, widowed, and lived in Cleveland, Cuyahoga Co, OH. He was buried in Banks Chapel Baptist Church Cemetery, Vance, Bibb Co, AL.⁷

Sam J. BLACKLEDGE and Amy MOORE married about 1921.¹³ **Amy MOORE** (daughter of Emanuel MOORE and Sarah) was born on 22 Jul 1904 in AL.^{2,7,13} Her given name is spelled Ammie on her Find A Grave Memorial, but it is Amy on most other records. She died on 29 Nov 1956 in Tuscaloosa, Tuscaloosa Co, AL.^{2,7} She was buried in Banks Chapel Baptist Church Cemetery, Vance, Bibb Co, AL.⁷ Sam J. BLACKLEDGE and Amy MOORE had the following children:

- +46 i. **Emanuel BLACKLEDGE**, born on 13 May 1920, AL^{7,17,29,30}; married Elizabeth

- BLACKMON, on 26 Jun 1979, Cuyahoga Co, OH²⁹⁻³¹; died on 1 Jul 1999, Cleveland Clinic Hospital, Cleveland, Cuyahoga Co, OH^{7,17,30,32}.
- +47 ii. **Sallie Mae BLACKLEDGE**, born on 18 Aug 1921, Vance, AL^{2,13,15}; married Lovell HARGROVE, on 19 May 1940, Tuscaloosa Co, AL³³; died on 27 Mar 1941, Birmingham, Jefferson Co, AL².
 - 48 iii. **Sam BLACKLEDGE Jr.** was born about 1923 in Woodstock, Bibb Co, AL.^{13,15,34} He died about 1943.³⁴
 - +49 iv. **Victor BLACKLEDGE**, born on 3 Jan 1925, AL^{7,13,15,17,35}; married Mary Ellen DeJARNETT, on 18 Apr 1947, Bibb Co, AL³³; died on 22 Jun 2000^{7,17,35}.
 - 50 v. **Dollie M. BLACKLEDGE** was born about 1927 in AL.^{13,15} She was Dallie in the 1930 Census and Dolly in the 1940 Census.
 - +51 vi. **Orange Leon BLACKLEDGE**, born on 13 Apr 1928^{7,13,15,36}; married Vivian L. BROWN, in Mar 1946, Bibb Co, AL³³; died on 9 Apr 1995, Farmington Hills, Oakland Co, MI^{7,36}.
 - +52 vii. **Ester Lee BLACKLEDGE**, born on 30 Dec 1932, AL^{15,18}; married THOMAS¹⁸; died on 25 May 2004, St. Vincent Charity Hospital, Cleveland, Cuyahoga Co, OH¹⁸.
 - 53 viii. **Mary E. BLACKLEDGE** was born about 1934 in AL.¹⁵

32. **Isaiah P. BLACKLEDGE Jr.** was born about 1903 in AL.¹¹ He appeared in the census in 1940 in Attalla, Etowah Co, AL. Isaiah [sic] Blackledge (37, wire drawer for Republic Steel Company) was shown with his wife Milva (34). He died on 17 Jan 1968 in Birmingham, Jefferson Co, AL.²

Isaiah P. BLACKLEDGE Jr. and Milva married.¹⁵ **Milva** was born on 17 Oct 1904 in AL.^{15,17,20} She died on 16 Feb 1969 in Cleveland, Cuyahoga Co, OH.^{17,20} She was issued a Social Security Number in OH in 1951 and her last residence was in Cleveland, Cuyahoga Co, OH.¹⁷

Isaiah P. BLACKLEDGE Jr. and Viola married.² **Viola** was born on 25 Mar 1906 in AL.³⁰ She died on 24 Oct 1988 in Warrensville Heights, Cuyahoga Co, OH.²⁰ She was a widow and cleaned houses when she died.²⁰

34. BLACKLEDGE.

BLACKLEDGE and BANKS married.²⁰ **BANKS.** BLACKLEDGE and BANKS had the following children:

- 54 i. **Walter T. BANKS** was born on 13 Feb 1931 in AL.²⁰ He was living with his Uncle Fred Blackledge in Praco, Jefferson Co, AL in 1940.¹⁵ The census record stated that Walter lived in Tuscaloosa, AL, in 1935. He died on 12 Nov 2000 in Cleveland, Cuyahoga Co, OH.²⁰

Fourth Generation

39. **Clara Cleo BLACKLEDGE** was born about 1920 in Bibb Co, AL.^{13,22}

Clara Cleo BLACKLEDGE and Derry Henry MOODY married on 11 Mar 1937 in New Cumberland,

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WV.^{12,22} **Derry Henry MOODY** was born on 8 Apr 1910 in Riverfall, AL.¹² He died of general paresis on 18 Oct 1945 in Massillon State Hospital, Massillon, Stark Co, OH.¹² He lived in Youngstown, Mahoning Co, OH.¹²

44. **Signa Mae BLACKLEDGE** was born on 1 Jan 1916 in Bibb Co, AL.^{2,28} She appeared in the census in 1930 in West Blocton, Bibb Co, AL. Sigamae M. Blackledge (13, born in AL) and Rosa L. Blackledge (10, born in AL) are listed as nieces in the household of Isaih [sic] S. Dooley (47, married the first time at age 20, coal miner) and his wife Emma Dooley (44, married the first time at age 34). She appeared in the census in 1940 in West Blocton, Bibb Co, AL. Again, Sigma [sic] Blackledge (23, completed one year of college) and Rosa Blackledge (20, completed four years of high school) are listed as nieces in the household of I. S. (62, completed five years of school, coal miner) and Emma (57, completed three years of school) Dooley. She died on 11 Jul 1961 in Birmingham, Jefferson Co, AL.^{2,28} The marriage record for Signa Mae Blackledge and Frederick Leon Snelly [sic] lists her parents as P. M. Blackledge and Estella Brown, while the death record for Signa Mae Blackledge Smelley [sic] lists her parents as Plese [sic] Blackledge and Estell [sic] Brown.

Signa Mae BLACKLEDGE and Frederick Leon SNELLEY married on 8 Nov 1947 in Birmingham, Jefferson Co, AL.^{2,6,28} Signa and Frederick were married by Rev. A. W. Patterson. The marriage record shows that this was Signa's first marriage and the second for Frederick who was divorced. **Frederick Leon SNELLEY** (son of Doc SNELLEY and Mamie CLEVELAND) was born on 29 Aug 1911 in WY.²⁸ He had been previously married one time and divorced in 1941.²⁸

46. **Emanuel BLACKLEDGE** was born on 13 May 1920 in AL.^{7,17,29,30} He was called Manly on the 1930 Census and Manuel on the 1940 Census. He was living in Cleveland, OH when his grandchildren, Joyce Yvonne Johnson and Hilliard Clark, died in 1991.³⁷ He died on 1 Jul 1999 in Cleveland Clinic Hospital, Cleveland, Cuyahoga Co, OH.^{7,17,30,32} The death record for Emanuel Blackledge said he was a 79-year-old African American male, widowed, born 13 May 1920 in AL, surname of father was Blackledge and surname of mother was Moore, and died 1 Jul 1999. He lived in Cleveland Heights, Cuyahoga Co, OH in 1999.³⁰ He was buried in Banks Chapel Baptist Church Cemetery, Vance, Bibb Co, AL.⁷

<unknown>. Emanuel BLACKLEDGE and <unknown> had the following children:

- +55 i. **Dorothy BLACKLEDGE**, married Hillard CLARK³⁷.

Emanuel BLACKLEDGE and Elizabeth BLACKMON married on 26 Jun 1979 in Cuyahoga Co, OH.²⁹⁻³¹ Emanuel had been married once before and Elizabeth twice before. **Elizabeth BLACKMON** (daughter of BLACKMON and BROOKS) was born on 30 Apr 1917 in AL.^{30,32} She died on 4 Jan 1999 in Cleveland, Cuyahoga Co, OH.^{30,32} The death record showed that Elizabeth Blackledge was married; worked in laundry, cleaning, and garment services for dressmakers; and had completed 12 years of school. Her father's surname was Blackmon and mother's was Brooks.

47. **Sallie Mae BLACKLEDGE** was born on 18 Aug 1921 in Vance, AL.^{2,13,15} That was the birthdate on her death record, however census records showed her born abt 1924. She died on 27 Mar 1941 in Birmingham, Jefferson Co, AL.² The death record for Sally Mae Black [sic] showed her to be a 19 year-old Black female, daughter of Sam Black [sic] and Amy Moore, wife of Lovell Hargrove. She was buried on 30 Mar 1941 in Bank Cemetery, Woodstock, Bibb Co, AL.²

Sallie Mae BLACKLEDGE and Lovell HARGROVE married on 19 May 1940 in Tuscaloosa Co, AL.³³

The marriage record was in the name of Sallie Mae Black and Love Hargrove. **Lovell HARGROVE** (son of Will HARGROVE and Willie C. CLEMENTS) was born about 1915 in AL.^{2,34} He died on 22 Mar 1973 in Tuscaloosa, Tuscaloosa Co, AL.^{2,34} Lovell's death record stated he was the son of Will Hargrove and Willie C. Clements.

49. **Victor BLACKLEDGE** was born on 3 Jan 1925 in AL.^{7,13,15,17,35} His Find A Grave Memorial said he was born on the 2nd. He died on 22 Jun 2000.^{7,17,35} He was buried in Banks Chapel Baptist Church Cemetery, Vance, Bibb Co, AL.^{7,35} Victor is listed in the Find A Grave Memorials in that cemetery, however, the Veteran's database said he was buried in Bally Creek Cemetery, Bessemer, AL. He served in the U.S. Army.^{7,35,38} Victor Blackledge of Tuscaloosa Co, AL, born in 1925, enlisted at Fort Benning, GA, on 28 Mar 1945 for the duration of the War, plus six months, subject to the discretion of the President. He had 1 year of high school, was single and without dependents, 60" high and weighed 106 pounds.

Victor BLACKLEDGE and Mary Ellen DeJARNETT married on 18 Apr 1947 in Bibb Co, AL.³³ **Mary Ellen DeJARNETT** was born on 28 Sep 1927 in Birmingham, Jefferson Co, AL.^{17,34} She died on 9 Feb 1998 in Birmingham, Jefferson Co, AL.^{17,34} Victor BLACKLEDGE and Mary Ellen DeJARNETT had the following children:

- 56 i. <daughter> **BLACKLEDGE**³⁴.
- 57 ii. <daughter> **BLACKLEDGE**³⁴.
- 58 iii. <son> **BLACKLEDGE**³⁴.
- 59 iv. <son> **BLACKLEDGE**³⁴.
- 60 v. <son> **BLACKLEDGE**³⁴.

51. **Orange Leon BLACKLEDGE** was born on 13 Apr 1928.^{7,13,15,36} He appeared in the census in 1930 in Vance, Tuscaloosa Co, AL. Sam Blackledge (28, farmer) and his wife Amy (26) were with their children: Manly (8), Samie (6), Sallie M. (5), Victor (4), Dellie M. (2-9/12), and Orange (1-?/12). He married in AL in Mar 1946.³⁶ He died on 9 Apr 1995 in Farmington Hills, Oakland Co, MI.^{7,36} He was living in Detroit, Wayne Co, MI at the time of his death in 1995.³⁶ He was buried in Banks Chapel Baptist Church Cemetery, Vance, Bibb Co, AL.⁷

Orange Leon BLACKLEDGE and Vivian L. BROWN married in Mar 1946 in Bibb Co, AL.³³ **Vivian L. BROWN.**

52. **Ester Lee BLACKLEDGE** was born on 30 Dec 1932 in AL.^{15,18} She died on 25 May 2004 in St. Vincent Charity Hospital, Cleveland, Cuyahoga Co, OH.¹⁸ The Death Record for Ester Thomas said she was a 71 year-old African American female, widowed, parents surnames were Blackledge and Moore, she had completed 12 grades of school, and she lived in Cleveland, OH.

Ester Lee BLACKLEDGE and THOMAS married.¹⁸ **THOMAS.**

Fifth Generation

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55. **Dorothy BLACKLEDGE** was living in Fort Worth, TX when her daughter, Joyce, died in Apr 1991.³⁷

Dorothy BLACKLEDGE and Hillard CLARK married.³⁷ **Hillard CLARK**. Dorothy BLACKLEDGE and Hillard CLARK had the following children:

- +61 i. **Joyce Yvonne CLARK**, born about 1954³⁷; married JOHNSON³⁷; died in Apr 1991, Fort Worth, TX³⁷.
- 62 ii. **Wyman MANOR**³⁷.
- +63 iii. **Hillard CLARK Jr.**, born on 29 Jan 1956, Cleveland, Cuyahoga Co, OH^{17,39,40}; married Gwendolyn Y. WOODARD, on 23 Nov 1977, Tarrant Co, TX^{39,40}; married <unknown>; died on 7 Jul 1991, Tarrant Co, TX^{17,39,41}.
- 64 iv. **John CLARK**³⁷.
- 65 v. **Ronnie CLARK**³⁷.
- 66 vi. **Reggie CLARK**³⁷.
- 67 vii. **Sharon MAYNOR**³⁷.
- 68 viii. **Sandra CLARK**³⁷.
- +69 ix. **Tomesa CLARK**, married ODOM³⁷.

Sixth Generation

61. **Joyce Yvonne CLARK** was born about 1954.³⁷ She died in Apr 1991 in Fort Worth, TX.³⁷

Joyce Yvonne CLARK and JOHNSON married.³⁷ **JOHNSON**. Joyce Yvonne CLARK and JOHNSON had the following children:

- 70 i. **Ronnie Ray JOHNSON**³⁷.
- 71 ii. **Andre Keith JOHNSON**³⁷.
- 72 iii. **Shena LaVon JOHNSON**³⁷.
- 73 iv. **Ronica ShaVon JOHNSON**³⁷.

63. **Hillard CLARK Jr.**³⁷ was born on 29 Jan 1956 in Cleveland, Cuyahoga Co, OH.^{17,39,40} He died of gunshot wounds on 7 Jul 1991 in Tarrant Co, TX.^{17,39,41} He lived in Fort Worth, TX most of his life.³⁹

Hillard CLARK Jr. and Gwendolyn Y. WOODARD married on 23 Nov 1977 in Tarrant Co, TX.^{39,40} **Gwendolyn Y. WOODARD** was born about 1952.⁴⁰ Hillard CLARK Jr. and Gwendolyn Y. WOODARD had the following children:

- 74 i. **Tommy Ray WOODARD**³⁹.
- 75 ii. **Violetta WOODARD**³⁹.
- 76 iii. **Tamecca WOODARD**³⁹.
- 77 iv. **Dinesha WHITE**³⁹.

Hillard CLARK Jr. and <unknown> married. **<unknown>**.

69. **Tomesa CLARK**³⁷.

Tomesa CLARK and ODOM married.³⁷ **ODOM**.

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California

Descendants of Blackledge

First Generation

1. **BLACKLEDGE.**

BLACKLEDGE had the following children:

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| +2 | i. Dwight BLACKLEDGE Sr. , born on 10 May 1950 ^{1,2} ; married Carolyn Y. SCOTT ³ . |
| 3 | ii. Victor BLACKLEDGE has done quite a bit of work on their family tree. ⁴ |

Second Generation

2. **Dwight BLACKLEDGE Sr.** was born on 10 May 1950.^{1,2} He lived in Ventura, CA.³

Dwight BLACKLEDGE Sr. and Carolyn Y. SCOTT married.³ **Carolyn Y. SCOTT**⁵ was born on 19 Mar 1949.² Dwight BLACKLEDGE Sr. and Carolyn Y. SCOTT had the following children:

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| 4 | i. Daniel Sharese BLACKLEDGE was born on 30 Apr 1976 in Ventura Co, CA. ⁵ |
| 5 | ii. Michele Nicole BLACKLEDGE was born on 25 Oct 1978 in Ventura Co, CA. ⁵ |

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iii.

Dwight Francis "DJ" BLACKLEDGE II was born on 3 Sep 1982 in Ventura Co, CA.^{3,5} He graduated from Buena High School, Ventura, CA.³ A running back, Dwight was selected Most Valuable Player on the Ventura County All Star football team his senior year at Buena High School. At 6' tall, 202 pounds, he played the same position at the United States Military Academy, graduating in 2005. He served in Iraq from Feb 2007 to May 2009. After serving his 5-year commitment in the field artillery, Dwight became a senior consultant, Systems Engineer and Integration, with Booz Allen Hamilton in Washington, D.C.

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iv.

Devon BLACKLEDGE graduated in 2010 from St. Bonaventure High School.⁶ Devon was selected for the All State football team in both his junior and senior years of high school. He first attended Florida A&M University and then attended and played football at Saddleback College in Mission Viejo, CA.⁶ Devon was a 190 pound, 5'10" running back.

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Louisiana

Descendants of Charlie Blackledge

First Generation

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1. **Charlie BLACKLEDGE**¹.

Charlie BLACKLEDGE and Aline DOUGLAS married.² **Aline DOUGLAS** was born on 30 May 1902.³ She died on 5 Jan 1985.^{3,4} She was buried in LaFourche Parish, LA.^{1,2,4} One source said she was buried in New Mt. Zion Cemetery, Raceland, LaFourche Parish, LA, and another cemetery listing showed she was buried in Greater New Fountain Baptist Cemetery, Lockport, Lafourche Parish, LA. She lived lastly in Cut Off, Lafourche Parish, LA.³ Charlie BLACKLEDGE and Aline DOUGLAS had the following children:

- +2 i. **Willie BLACKLEDGE**, born on 30 Jan 1938, Valentine, LA¹⁻³; married Louella GRAY¹; died on 21 Feb 2001¹⁻³.
- +3 ii. **Earl B. BLACKLEDGE Sr.**, born on 26 Dec 1940⁵; married Celeste NELSON^{4,6}.
- 4 iii. **Jimmy BLACKLEDGE** lived in Raceland, LA when his brother Willie died in 2001.¹

Second Generation

2. **Willie BLACKLEDGE** was born on 30 Jan 1938 in Valentine, LA.¹⁻³ He died on 21 Feb 2001.¹⁻³ He was buried on 26 Feb 2001 in Greater New Fountain Baptist Church Cemetery, Lockport, LA.¹ He lived in Raceland, LA when he died in 2001.¹ He was a retired petroleum technician for Exxon and a member of Greater New Fountain Baptist Church.¹

Ann⁷ was listed as Ann Grant of Raceland, mother of Gregory K. Blackledge in his obituary in 2012.⁷ Willie BLACKLEDGE and Ann had the following children:

- +5 i. **Gregory K. BLACKLEDGE**, born about 1958, Raceland, LA⁷; married Rhonda ROBINSON⁷; died on 18 Apr 2012⁷.

Willie BLACKLEDGE and Louella GRAY married.^{1,2} **Louella GRAY** (daughter of Samuel Verett GRAY Sr. and Elva DAVIS) was born on 11 Nov 1946.⁵ Willie BLACKLEDGE and Louella GRAY had the following children:

- 6 i. **Pamela BLACKLEDGE**¹ was listed as Pamela Blackledge (Adrian Lawrence) of Raceland in her brother Gregory's obituary in 2012.⁷
- +7 ii. **Dwight BLACKLEDGE**, married Ophelia⁷.
- +8 iii. **Kelly BLACKLEDGE**, married Jessica⁷.
- 9 iv. **Kendra BLACKLEDGE**¹ was listed as Kendra Blackledge of Raceland in her brother Gregory's obituary in 2012.⁷

3. **Earl B. BLACKLEDGE Sr.**^{6,8} was born on 26 Dec 1940.⁵

Earl B. BLACKLEDGE Sr. and Celeste NELSON married.^{4,6} **Celeste NELSON** (daughter of Erick NELSON and Gertrude JACKSON) was born on 3 Feb 1942.³ She died on 10 Oct 1984 in New Orleans, Orleans Parish, LA.^{3,6} She was buried on 15 Oct 1984 in Mount Zion Cemetery, Cut Off, LA.^{4,6} Earl B. BLACKLEDGE Sr. and Celeste NELSON had the following children:

- 10 i. **Gloria Cynthia BLACKLEDGE**^{6,9} was born on 14 Apr 1966.⁵
- 11 ii. **Earl S. BLACKLEDGE Jr.**^{6,8} was born on 16 Oct 1973.⁵

Third Generation

5. **Gregory K. BLACKLEDGE**¹ was born about 1958 in Raceland, LA.⁷ His parents were listed in his obituary are Willie Blackledge, deceased, and Ann Grant of Raceland. He died on 18 Apr 2012.⁷

STEWART. Gregory K. BLACKLEDGE and STEWART had the following children:

- 12 i. **Travis STEWART** was living in Gray, LA in 2012.⁷
- 13 ii. **Troy STEWART** was living in Lockport, LA in 2012.⁷

Gregory K. BLACKLEDGE and Rhonda ROBINSON married.⁷ **Rhonda ROBINSON**⁷ may or may not be the mother of Gregory Jr. Please research this further. Gregory K. BLACKLEDGE and Rhonda ROBINSON had the following children:

- 14 i. **Gregory BLACKLEDGE Jr.** was living in Auburn, AL in 2012.⁷

7. **Dwight BLACKLEDGE**¹ was listed as Dwight (Ophelia) Blackledge of Raceland in his brother Gregory's obituary in 2012.⁷

Dwight BLACKLEDGE and Ophelia married.⁷ **Ophelia.**

8. **Kelly BLACKLEDGE**¹ was listed as Kelly (Jessica) Blackledge of Raceland in his brother Gregory's obituary in 2012.⁷

Kelly BLACKLEDGE and Jessica married.⁷ **Jessica.**

Sources for Report: Descendants of Charlie Blackledge

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Descendants of Old Man Muigo Blackledge

First Generation

1. "Old man Muigo(?)" BLACKLEDGE¹.

"old man Muigo(?)" BLACKLEDGE had the following children:

- +2 i. **Sylvester BLACKLEDGE**, born about 1841, Terrebonne Parish, LA, on the Barrow Plantation¹; married Millie SMITH, about 1851, Terrebonne Parish, LA¹; died on 18 May 1900, Schriever, LA¹.

Second Generation

2. **Sylvester BLACKLEDGE** was born about 1841 in Terrebonne Parish, LA, on the Barrow Plantation.¹ Sylvester was 50 years old in 1891. He died of heart disease on 18 May 1900 in Schriever, LA.¹ He was described as 5' 6 1/2" tall, black complexion, black hair and eyes.¹ He served in the Civil War from LA.¹ Sylvester was a private in Co. F, 10th US Colored Volunteers, H. A. Artillery. He enlisted 1 April 1865 and was discharged at Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on 22 February 1867. On his discharge papers, Sylvester's last name is listed as "Blackleche". Sylvester applied for a pension on 23 March 1891 and his wife, Millie, applied for a widow's pension on 20 June 1900. He had 4 children.¹

Sylvester BLACKLEDGE and Millie SMITH married about 1852 in Terrebonne Parish, LA.¹ About 10 years before the Civil War, Sylvester and Millie were married by their master's consent, "slave man and wife". They were married legally on 21 Jan 1871 at the Baptist Church in Houma, LA, by the Rev. J. Dutch; on the marriage certificate, Sylvester's last name was listed as "Blackly". Sylvester and Millie were fellow servants. **Millie SMITH** (daughter of Daniel SMITH and Sarah) was born on 14 Jun 1840 in a ship on the sea coming from Virginia to Louisiana.^{1,2} Millie was 7 months old when she arrived at the Barrow Plantation. She appeared in the census in 1900 in Terrebonne Parish, LA. Mille Blackridge [sic] (55, born Dec 1844 at sea, widow, married 49 years, mother of 9 children with 5 still living) is with her son Franklin (17, born Oct 1882 in LA, field laborer), son Oliver (13, born Jun 1886 in LA, field laborer), daughter Dorah (16, born Aug 1883 in LA), and grandson Narmoth [?] Blackridge [sic] (8, born Jun 1891 in LA, yard boy). She moved to Thibodaux, LA in 1916.¹ She died on 2 Feb 1925 in Terrebonne Parish, LA.² She had a son, Victor Smith, by Alfred Smith whom she never married.¹ From the compiler's notes re papers in Sylvester Blackledge's Civil War Pension File, it is not clear if this was before Millie became Sylvester's slave wife or his legal wife. More research is needed to clarify this since Millie would have been very young to have had a child before she and Sylvester became slave man and wife. Sylvester BLACKLEDGE and Millie SMITH had the following children:

- 3 i. **David BLACKLEDGE** was born in Feb 1864 in LA.³ He appeared in the census in 1900 in Terrebonne Parish, LA. Listed just two houses after his mother, David Blackridge [sic] (36, born in Feb 1864 in LA, father born in LA and mother born at sea, single, field laborer) has Sousan [sic - Susan] Victor (33, born in Oct _ in LA, widow, married 10 years, mother of 4 children with 3 still living) and Susan's children: Sarah Victor (12, born Nov 1887 in LA), Warner Victor (10, born in Nov 1889 in LA), and Henry Victor (7, born in Dec 1892 in LA). Susan and her children are listed as partners with David.
- +4 ii. **Charles BLACKLEDGE**, born in Mar 1873, LA³; married Mary, about 1896³.
- 5 iii. **Franklin "Frank" BLACKLEDGE** was born in Oct 1882 in LA.³ He is probably the Frank Blackledge, born 10 Jul 1881, who registered for the WW I draft in Franklin, St. Mary Parish, LA on 12 Sep 1918.⁴ That Frank was logging for Albert Hanson Lumber Company, Garden City, St. Mary Parish, LA, and gave his mother, Millet [sic] Blackledge of Thibodeaux, as his nearest relative.
- 6 iv. **Dorah BLACKLEDGE** was born in Aug 1883 in LA.³
- +7 v. **Oliver BLACKLEDGE**, born on 25 Jun 1883, LA^{1,3}; married Emily⁵.

Third Generation

4. **Charles BLACKLEDGE** was born in Mar 1873 in LA.³ He appeared in the census in 1900 in Terrebonne Parish, LA. Listed just 2 houses after his brother David and 6 houses after his mother Millie, Charles Blackridge [sic] (27, born in Mar 1873 in LA, father born in LA and mother at sea, married 4 years, field laborer) and his wife Mary (25, born Oct 1874 in LA, married 4 years, mother of 3 children with 3 still living) are with their son Emile (2, born in Nov 1897 in LA) and son Charley (7/12, born in Nov 1899 in LA) and Willie Tabor (5, born in Mar 1895 in LA). Willie Tabor's relationship is not clear on the form but looks like son-in-law which cannot be right since he is only 5 years old. Could he be Mary's 3rd child?

Charles BLACKLEDGE and Mary married about 1896.³ Charles and Mary were shown as married 4 years in the 1900 Census. **Mary** was born in Oct 1874 in LA.³ Charles BLACKLEDGE and Mary had the following children:

- 8 i. **Emile BLACKLEDGE** was born in Nov 1897 in LA.³
- 9 ii. **Charley BLACKLEDGE Jr.** was born in Nov 1899 in LA.^{3,4} That was the date on the 1900 Census, however Charley Blackledge Jr. said he was born on 3 Sep 1900 when he registered for the WW I draft on 12 Sep 1918 in Terrebonne Parish, LA. For the registration form, Charley gave Mary Blackledge of Schriever, Terrebonne, LA, his mother, as his nearest relative.

7. **Oliver BLACKLEDGE** was born on 25 Jun 1883 in LA.^{1,3} That is the date given in his father's Civil War Pension records, however, his birthdate was Jun 1886 in the 1900 Census. He appeared in the census in 1930 in Terrebonne Parish, LA. Oliver Blackledge (47, married the first time at age 20, laborer for the railroad) and his wife Emily (39, married the first time at age 17) are with their son Robert (24, single, laborer on a cane farm).

Oliver BLACKLEDGE and Emily married.⁵ **Emily** was born about 1891 in LA.⁵ Oliver BLACKLEDGE and Emily had the following children:

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- 10 i. **Robert BLACKLEDGE** was born about 1906 in LA.⁵

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Missouri

Descendants of Charles Blackledge

First Generation

1. **Charles BLACKLEDGE**¹.

Susan POWELL¹. Charles BLACKLEDGE and Susan POWELL had the following children:

- +2 i. **Albert BLACKLEDGE**, born on 3 Apr 1879, Coffman, MO¹⁻³; married Lizzie SMITH, on 26 Sep 1914, Ste. Genevieve Co, MO^{4,5}; married Camile MACK, (*not sure if ever married*); died on 7 Sep 1949, Ste. Genevieve, Ste. Genevieve Co, MO¹.

Second Generation

2. **Albert BLACKLEDGE**⁴ was born on 3 Apr 1879 in Coffman, MO.¹⁻³ He gave Lizzie Blackledge as his nearest relative when he registered for the WW I draft in Ste. Genevieve Co, MO on 12 Sep 1918.³ He appeared in the census in 1920 in Ste. Genevieve, Ste. Genevieve Co, MO. Albert (40, born in MO, both parents born in MO, laborer) was a boarder in the house of Marie Lewis. He appeared in the census in 1930 in Ste. Genevieve, Ste. Genevieve Co, MO. Albert Blackledge (51, widower, odd jobs laborer) was a boarder in the household of Eradne Lewis (32, single) and his brother and sister-in-law, Fred Lewis (29) and Edith Lewis (20). He died of arteriosclerosis on 7 Sep 1949 in Ste. Genevieve, Ste. Genevieve

Co, MO.¹ He was buried on 8 Sep 1949 in Calvary Cemetery.¹

Albert BLACKLEDGE and Lizzie SMITH married on 26 Sep 1914 in Ste. Genevieve Co, MO.^{4,5} **Lizzie SMITH** (daughter of Hilliard SMITH and Ada HOLLAND) was born on 27 Jan 1880 in MO.⁴ She died of uterine fibroids and bronchopneumonia on 6 Oct 1918 in St Louis, MO.⁴ She was buried on 8 Oct 1918 in Greenwood Cemetery, MO.⁴

Albert BLACKLEDGE and Camile MACK married (*not sure if ever married*). **Camile MACK** was born in St. Mary's, MO.⁶ Albert BLACKLEDGE and Camile MACK had the following children:

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 - i. **Dorothy BLACKLEDGE** was born on 16 Sep 1923 in Ste. Genevieve, Ste. Genevieve Co, MO.⁶ She died after living only 1 month 7 days on 23 Oct 1923 in Ste. Genevieve, Ste. Genevieve Co, MO.⁶

Sources for Report: Descendants of Charles Blackledge

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North Carolina – Beaufort Co

Descendants of Cain Blackledge

First Generation

1. **Cain BLACKLEDGE**¹ was born about 1843 in Pollocksville, Jones Co, NC.^{2,3} He appeared in the census in 1880 in Beaufort Co, NC. Kane [sic] Blackledge (37, black male, husband, he and both parents born in NC) is with his wife Martha (32, black female, wife, she and both parents born in NC).

Cain BLACKLEDGE and Martha MARSH married on 30 Jul 1866 in Carteret Co, NC.¹ Both Cain and Martha are listed as slaves in their marriage record. **Martha MARSH**¹ was born about 1848 in NC.³

Sabra WINN was born in Beaufort Co, NC, near Washington.² [Note: Below in this chapter is the lineage of a **Sabre**. The compilers think Sabre and Sabra Winn may be the same. More research is needed.] Cain BLACKLEDGE and Sabra WINN had the following children:

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- +2 i. **Frances BLACKLEDGE**, born about 1855⁴; married Edward PEED, about 1878^{4,5}; married Thomas A'DEARS, on 19 Jan 1907, Boston, MA⁶; died on 30 May 1920, Washington, Beaufort Co, NC⁴.
- 3 ii. **Cornelius BLACKLEDGE** was born about Aug 1860.² Cain Blackledge and Sabra Winn are listed as his parents on Cornelius' death certificate. He died of head injuries when accidentally thrown from a wagon on 12 Oct 1914 in Washington, Beaufort Co, NC.² He was buried on 13 Oct 1914 in Cedar Hill Cemetery, Washington, Beaufort Co, NC.²

Sarah was born in Beaufort Co, NC.⁷ Cain BLACKLEDGE and Sarah had the following children:

- +4 i. **Rev. Loomis BLACKLEDGE**, born on 10 Aug 1876, Beaufort Co, NC⁷; married Mary FISHER, about 1900^{8,9}; died on 5 Feb 1927, General Hospital, New Bern, Craven Co, NC⁷.

<unknown>. Cain BLACKLEDGE and <unknown> had the following children:

- +5 i. **Lemuel B. BLACKLEDGE**.

Second Generation

2. **Frances BLACKLEDGE** was born about 1855.⁴ Frances Peed's death certificate [Ed. Peed was informant] said she was abt 65 years old when she died in 1920, a widow who did domestic work, Colored, daughter of Cain Blackledge born in Pollocksville, NC, and Sabra Winn, born in Washington, NC. She died of cardio-renal disease on 30 May 1920 in Washington, Beaufort Co, NC.⁴ She was buried on 31 May 1920 in Ada Hill, NC.⁴ In the census taken in Jan 1920, Frances was living with her sons Edward and Charles Peed.

Frances BLACKLEDGE and Edward PEED married about 1878.^{4,5} The 1900 Census shows Frances and Edward married 22 years. **Edward PEED** was born in Mar 1856 in NC.⁵ He appeared in the census in 1900 in Washington, Beaufort Co, NC. Edward Pead [sic] (44, drayman) and his wife of 22 years Francis [sic] (43, mother of 5 children with 4 still living, laundress) have their son Edward (7), son Francis E. (5), son Charley (2), and niece Emma Blackledge (11, at school). Frances BLACKLEDGE and Edward PEED had the following children:

- 6 i. **Edward PEED** was born in Apr 1893 in NC.⁵ He appeared in the census in 1920 in Washington, Beaufort Co, NC. Edward Peed (26, widower, public wagon driver) is head of a household consisting of his brother Charles Peed (21, single, chauffeur for a private family) and sister Edna Bell (4-1/12). Farther down the page, but with the same house and family numbers is Francis Peed (mother, 64, widow, no occupation).
- 7 ii. **Francis E. PEED** was born in Apr 1895 in NC.⁵
- 8 iii. **Charles PEED** was born in Apr 1898 in NC.⁵

Frances BLACKLEDGE and Thomas A'DEARS married on 19 Jan 1907 in Boston, MA.⁶ Both Frances and Thomas were shown on the marriage record as widowed, marrying the second time. The marriage record also gives the parents' names as Cain Blackledge and Sabria Win for Frances and as Maure A'Dears and Ardelia Pina for Thomas. **Thomas A'DEARS** (son of Maure A'DEARS and Ardelia PINA)

was born about 1867 in Portugal.⁶

4. **Rev. Loomis BLACKLEDGE** was born on 10 Aug 1876 in Beaufort Co, NC.⁷ Mamie Blackledge, informant for Loomis' death certificate, said his parents were Cane [sic] and Sarah Blackledge, both born in Beaufort Co, NC. He appeared in the census in 1910 in New Bern, Craven Co, NC. Lumous [sic] Blackledge (48, Black, married the second time for 10 years, pastor) and his wife Mary (34, Mulatto, married one time for 10 years, mother of 2 children with 2 living, public school teacher) have these children with them: Frances (7, Mulatto) and Lumous (2, Mulatto). He died of septicemia on 5 Feb 1927 in General Hospital, New Bern, Craven Co, NC.⁷ Loomis developed an infection after getting a splinter in his finger. He was buried on 8 Feb 1927 in Greenwood Cemetery, New Bern, Craven Co, NC.⁷

Rev. Loomis BLACKLEDGE and Mary FISHER married about 1900.^{8,9} **Mary FISHER** (daughter of Frances FISHER) was born on 17 Dec 1882 in New Bern, Craven Co, NC.^{8,10} Death certificates for her children Robert and Frances gave her maiden name as Mary Fisher. She appeared in the census in 1930 in New Bern, Craven Co, NC. Mary Blackledge (50, widow, owns her home valued at \$3,500, public school teacher) was with her son Robert (20) and daughter Phoebe (16) and had six roomers living in her house. She was a widow and a teacher in 1939.⁸ She died of Paget's Disease of the nipple on 21 Jul 1939 in New Bern, Craven Co, NC.⁸ She was buried on 1 Aug 1939 in Freeman Cemetery, Myrtle Grove Sound, NC. Rev. Loomis BLACKLEDGE and Mary FISHER had the following children:

- +9 i. **Frances BLACKLEDGE**, born on 4 Apr 1903, Craven Co, NC¹¹; married MOTEN¹¹; died on 13 Sep 1927, New Bern, Craven Co, NC¹¹.
- 10 ii. **Loomis BLACKLEDGE Jr.** was born about 1908 in NC.⁹
- +11 iii. **Phoebe Elizabeth BLACKLEDGE**, born on 29 Jan 1913, New Bern, Craven Co, NC¹²; married Robert KENNEDY¹²; died on 8 May 1962, New Bern, Craven Co, NC¹².
- 12 iv. **Robert BLACKLEDGE** was born in Jan 1918 in New Bern, Craven Co, NC.¹⁰ He died of uremia [kidney disease] on 19 Apr 1962 in Cherry Hospital, Goldsboro, Wayne Co, NC.¹⁰ He was a cook and never married.¹⁰

5. **Lemuel B. BLACKLEDGE**⁶ was called L. B. Blackledge, born in Washington, NC, on his daughter Emma's death certificate.^{6,13} However, he was Lemuel Blackledge on Emma's marriage certificate. He is believed to be a son of Cain, but this still needs to be proved. The basis for this assumption is that it is probably his daughter Emma Blackledge who was listed as a niece in the household of Cain's daughter Frances Blackledge Peed in the 1900 Census.

Jennie SATISFACE/SATTERBLUNT⁶ was surname Satisface on her daughter Emma's marriage record, but Satterblunt on Emma's death cert. in 1927.¹³ Lemuel B. BLACKLEDGE and Jennie SATISFACE/SATTERBLUNT had the following children:

- +13 i. **Emma E. BLACKLEDGE**, born about 1888, Washington, Beaufort Co, NC^{6,13}; married Christian DeANDRADE, on 4 Jun 1906, Boston, MA⁶; married Lemuel DAVIS¹³; died on 17 Mar 1927, New Bern, Craven Co, NC¹³.

Third Generation

9. **Frances BLACKLEDGE** was born on 4 Apr 1903 in Craven Co, NC.¹¹ She died of pulmonary tu-

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berculosis on 13 Sep 1927 in New Bern, Craven Co, NC.¹¹ She was buried on 15 Sep 1927 in Greenwood Cemetery, New Bern, Craven Co, NC.¹¹ She was married and a schoolteacher when she died.¹¹

Frances BLACKLEDGE and MOTEN married.¹¹ **MOTEN.**

11. **Phoebe Elizabeth BLACKLEDGE** was born on 29 Jan 1913 in New Bern, Craven Co, NC.¹² Phoebe's death certificate [Loomis Kennedy, informer] listed her parents as Loomis Blackledge and Mary Fisher. She died at Good Shepherd Hospital of dehydration and anemia on 8 May 1962 in New Bern, Craven Co, NC.¹² She was buried on 11 May 1962 in Greenwood Cemetery, New Bern, Craven Co, NC.¹² She was a widow and domestic worker when she died in 1962.¹²

Phoebe Elizabeth BLACKLEDGE and Robert KENNEDY married.¹² **Robert KENNEDY.**

13. **Emma E. BLACKLEDGE** was born about 1888 in Washington, Beaufort Co, NC.^{6,13} The marriage record said she was 18 in 1906 which would make her born abt 1888, however, her death certificate (informant was Dartha DeeAndroade [sic] of New Bern, NC) said she was born 23 Nov 1892. She died of valvular heart disease on 17 Mar 1927 in New Bern, Craven Co, NC.¹³ She was buried in Greenwood Cemetery, New Bern, Craven Co, NC.¹³

Emma E. BLACKLEDGE and Christian DeANDRADE married on 4 Jun 1906 in Boston, MA.⁶ Christian was a brickmason and Emma was a housekeeper. This was the first marriage for both Emma and Christian. **Christian DeANDRADE** (son of Manuel DeANDRADE and Mattie ANDREW) was born about 1879 in Cape DeVerde.^{6,14} Christian's surname was DeAndrade on his marriage record which said he was born in Cape DeVerde (islands off Portugal), but his name was Christian D. Andrew on his son Leroy's death certificate which said he was born in Portugal. Emma E. BLACKLEDGE and Christian DeANDRADE had the following children:

- 14 i. **Sadie A. DeANDRADE** was born on 29 Dec 1907 in Boston, Suffolk Co, MA.¹⁵
- 15 ii. **Leroy D. ANDREW** was born in 1909 in NC.¹⁴ His name was entered as Leroy D. Andrew and his parents as Christien D Andrew, born in Portugal, and Emma Blackledge, born in Beaufort Co, NC, on his death certificate. He died of cholera at the age of 1 year 8 months on 13 Jun 1911 in Washington, Beaufort Co, NC.¹⁴ He was buried on 15 Jun 1911 in Cedar Hill Cemetery, NC.¹⁴

Emma E. BLACKLEDGE and Lemuel DAVIS married.¹³ **Lemuel DAVIS.**

Sources for Report: Descendants of Cain Blackledge

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11. Death Certificate for Frances Blackledge Moten, North Carolina State Board of Health, #358.
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Descendants of Cornelius "Neil" Blackledge

First Generation

1. **Cornelius "Neil" BLACKLEDGE**¹ was born in Aug 1870 in NC.² He appeared in the census in 1900 in Washington Twp, Beaufort Co, NC. Cornelius Blackledge (29, black, married 3 years, farmer) was listed with his wife Lovey (18, married 3 years) and son Wonder (1). He appeared in the census in 1910 in Washington, Beaufort Co, NC. Cornelius Blackledge (48, married one time for 12 years, laborer in a buggy factory[?]) and his wife Lovy [sic] (28, married one time for 12 years) are with their children: Wonder (11), Jasper (9), William (7), Cornelius (4), and Samuel T. (2).

Cornelius "Neil" BLACKLEDGE and Lavenia "Lovey" BLOUNT married on 28 Sep 1897 in Washington, Beaufort Co, NC.^{2,3} The marriage record listed their names as C. S. Blackledge, born 1870, and Lavenia Blount, born 1880. **Lavenia "Lovey" BLOUNT**^{1,3} (daughter of William BLOUNT) was born in Jul 1881 in NC.^{2,4} That was her birthdate in the 1900 Census, but her death certificate said 18-82 and age 70. She appeared in the census in 1920 in Washington, Beaufort Co, NC. Lovey Blackledge (49, widow, laundress at home) was with her children: Wonder (22, laborer in a buggy factory), Jasper (20, laborer in a buggy factory), Cornelius (15), Samuel (13), Charlie (8-2/12) and James (6-4/12). She appeared in the census in 1930 in Washington, Beaufort Co, NC. Shown as head of the household, Lovey Blackledge (49, widow, married the first time at age 16, laborer in an oyster factory, owns her own home valued at \$1,000) has 5 sons living with her: Jasper (29, married the first time at age 22, laborer in a sawmill), Cornelius (24, single, laborer in a sawmill), Samuel (22, single, laborer in a sawmill), Charlie (19, single, no occupation), and James (17, single, laborer in an oyster factory). She died of a cerebral hemorrhage on 28 Nov 1952 in Taylor Hospital, Washington, Beaufort Co, NC.⁴ She was buried on 30 Nov 1952 in Cedar Hill Cemetery, Washington, Beaufort Co, NC.⁴ Cornelius "Neil" BLACKLEDGE and Lavenia "Lovey"

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BLOUNT had the following children:

- 2 i. **Wonder BLACKLEDGE** was born on 18 Jul 1898 in NC.^{2,5,6} He was listed as Wonderful Blackledge, houseman at the Governor's Mansion, in the city directory in Raleigh, NC in 1930.⁷ He appeared in the census in 1940 in Raleigh, Wake Co, NC. Wonder Blackledge (41, single, Black, completed 4 grades of school, butler at the governor's mansion) is one of seven people who work in the governor's mansion and live in the same household. He listed his mother Lovie Blackledge as his nearest relative when he registered for the WW II draft in 1942 in Beaufort Co, NC.⁵ He was a widower and a butler working for the state when he died in 1975.⁶ He died at Hillhaven Sunnybrook, of bilateral bronchopneumonia following a stroke on 5 Aug 1975 in Raleigh, Wake Co, NC.⁶ He was buried on 13 Aug 1975 in Cedar Hill Cemetery, Washington, Beaufort Co, NC.⁶
- +3 ii. **Jasper BLACKLEDGE**, born on 30 Aug 1900, Beaufort Co, NC^{1,8}; married Laura ADAMS, about 1924⁹; married Mathe¹; died on 5 Oct 1962, Washington, Beaufort Co, NC¹.
- +4 iii. **William "Willie" BLACKLEDGE**, born on 2 May 1901, NC^{10,11}; married Helen ERWIN¹¹; died on 11 Nov 1930, White Sulphur Springs, Greenbrier Co, WV¹¹.
- 5 iv. **Cornelius BLACKLEDGE** was born about 1905 in NC.^{9,12}
- +6 v. **Samuel T. BLACKLEDGE**, born on 4 Dec 1907, NC^{9,12,13}; married Myrtie CASSEL¹⁴; died on 21 Nov 1978, Washington, Beaufort Co, NC¹⁴.
- 7 vi. **Celia BLACKLEDGE** was born on 10 Nov 1909 in Beaufort Co, NC.¹⁵ She died of "La Gripp" on 14 Mar 1910 in Washington, Beaufort Co, NC.¹⁵ She was buried in Cedar Hill Cemetery, NC.¹⁵
- 8 vii. **Charlie BLACKLEDGE** was born on 1 Mar 1912 in Beaufort Co, NC.^{9,12,16} He died of lobar pneumonia on 24 Feb 1954 in Taylor Hospital, Washington, Beaufort Co, NC.¹⁶ Jasper Blackledge was the informant on his brother Charlie's death certificate. He was buried in Cedar Hill Cemetery, Washington, Beaufort Co, NC.¹⁶ He never married.¹⁶
- 9 viii. **James BLACKLEDGE** was born on 23 Sep 1913 in Beaufort Co, NC.^{9,12,14,17} That is the date on James' WW II draft form and the SSDI, however, his death record showed him born in 1914. He was 27, born on 23 Sep 1913 [sic], and unemployed when he registered for the WW II draft in Washington, Beaufort Co, NC in 1940.¹⁸ James gave his mother, Mrs. Lover [sic] Blackledge, as the person who would always know his address. He died on 30 Jun 1985 in Washington, Beaufort Co, NC.^{14,17} On his death record, James Blackledge, widowed, Negro, was shown as the son of Cornelius Blackledge and Lovey Blount.

Second Generation

3. **Jasper BLACKLEDGE**^{19,20} was born on 30 Aug 1900 in Beaufort Co, NC.^{1,8} The birthyear was given as 1900 on his death certificate, but it was 1899 on his draft registration form in 1918. He appeared in the census in 1930 in Washington, Beaufort Co, NC. Jasper Blackledge, 28, married the first time at age 22, laborer in a sawmill, is living with his mother and several unmarried siblings. He died of uremia and convulsions contributed to diabetes mellitus on 5 Oct 1962 in Washington, Beaufort Co, NC.¹ He was buried on 7 Oct 1962 in Cedar Hill Cemetery, Washington, Beaufort Co, NC.¹ He was a laborer in a sawmill when he died.¹

Jasper BLACKLEDGE and Laura ADAMS married about 1924.⁹ Jasper was shown as married the first time at age 22 [abt 1924] in the 1930 Census. **Laura ADAMS**^{19,20} (daughter of Henry ADAMS and Martha GUILFORD) was born about 1907 in NC.²¹ She appeared in the census in 1940 in New York City, New York Co, NY. Laura Hassen [indexed Harsen and not fully legibile] (33, divorced, no occupation shown) was the head of a household consisting of her son Walter Blackledge (14, single), and two lodgers, Richard Hardy (29, single, porter at a shoe store) and John Black (45, single, porter at a cigar store). She later married a Mr. Harsen, Hansen, or Hassen.²¹ Jasper BLACKLEDGE and Laura ADAMS had the following children:

- +10 i. **Florence Louise BLACKLEDGE**, born on 4 Jan 1924, Aurora, Beaufort Co, NC^{22,23}; died on 29 Apr 1994, Aurora, Beaufort Co, NC²³.
- +11 ii. **Walter Charles BLACKLEDGE**, born on 13 May 1925, Beaufort Co, NC^{19,20,23,24}; married Edna L. DAVIS²⁵; married Henrietta L. CHAPMAN, on 31 Aug 1962, San Diego Co, CA²⁶⁻²⁸; married Dianne M. SNEED or ALLEN, on 14 Aug 1970, Los Angeles, CA²⁷; died on 27 Feb 2000, Los Angeles Co, CA^{19,23,29}.

Mary Bell SIMMONS²⁰ (daughter of John H. SIMMONS and Mary WILLIAMS) was born on 6 Mar 1905 in NC.³⁰ That is the date on Mary Bell Simmons Moore's death record. That record also shows that she was divorced; a domestic worker; and the daughter of John H. Simmons and Mary Williams. The informer for the death certificate was her daughter, Sadie B. [Moore] Crandell. She appeared in the census in 1940 in Washington, Beaufort Co, NC. Belle Simmons (35, married) and her daughters, Sadie B. Moore (12), Francis Blackwin [sic] (5) and Louise Blackwin (2) are living with Belle's parents John (76) and Mary Simmons (63). Also in the household are 3 other children and 4 other grandchildren of John and Mary Simmons. She died of an acute myocardial infarction [heart attack] on 6 Aug 1971 in Beaufort County Hospital, Beaufort Co, NC.³⁰ Mary Bell also had cancer of the colon. She was buried on 10 Aug 1971 in Cedar Hill Cemetery, Washington, Beaufort Co, NC.³⁰

She was named Mary Bell Moore on the birth record of her daughter, Mary Frances Blackledge.²⁰ However, she is Mary Bell Simmons on the birth records for her daughter Ella Louise Blackledge and son Robert Lee Blackledge. Jasper Blackledge is noted as the father of Mary Frances and Ella Louise, but 'illegitimate' is noted in place of the father's name for Robert Lee Blackledge. She first married Zollie Perry Moore and had at least two children with him: Sadie Bell and Zollie Moore.^{9,31} Jasper BLACKLEDGE and Mary Bell SIMMONS had the following children:

- +12 i. **Mary Frances BLACKLEDGE**, born on 16 Apr 1935, Beaufort Co, NC²⁰.
- 13 ii. **Ella Louise BLACKLEDGE** was born on 15 Sep 1938 in Beaufort Co, NC.²⁰ Her name on the index of births in Beaufort Co, NC, is Ella Louise Blackwell, but 'ledge' is hand-written above 'well' on the surname. The index lists Ella's parents as Jasper Blackwell [sic] and Mary Bell Simmons.
- 14 iii. **Robert Lee BLACKLEDGE** was born on 26 Feb 1941 in Beaufort Co, NC.²⁰ He was living in West Windsor, NJ, when his sister died in 2004.³¹

Jasper BLACKLEDGE and Mathe married.¹ **Mathe**.

4. **William "Willie" BLACKLEDGE** was born on 2 May 1901 in NC.^{10,11} That is the date on the death certificate for Willie Blackledge who died in WV. The death certificate said his father was unknown, but his mother was Lovley [sic] Blackledge [his wife Helen Blackledge was the informant]. He is probably the Willie Blackledge found in the census taken in Pig Point, Nansemond Co, VA in 1920. That Willie was 19 years old, born in NC, both parents born in NC, Black, single, and a laborer for the government at the government reservation known as Pig Point General Ordnance Depot. He died of injuries received in a dirt slide in a tunnel on 11 Nov 1930 in White Sulphur Springs, Greenbrier Co, WV.¹¹ He was buried

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on 14 Nov 1930 in White Sulphur Springs, Greenbrier Co, WV.¹¹

William "Willie" BLACKLEDGE and Helen ERWIN married.¹¹ **Helen ERWIN.**

6. **Samuel T. BLACKLEDGE**³² was born on 4 Dec 1907 in NC.^{9,12,13} He died on 21 Nov 1978 in Washington, Beaufort Co, NC.¹⁴ Samuel T. Blackledge's death record listed his parents as Cornelius Blackledge and Louise Blount and his spouse as Myrtie Cassel. He registered for the WW II draft and was then working for Washington Tobacco Company in Washington, Beaufort Co, NC.¹³ On the draft form, S. T. Blackledge listed his mother Mrs. Lovie Blackledge as the person who would always know his address.

Lizzie Jenkins DIXON³² died before 29 Mar 2004.³² Samuel T. BLACKLEDGE and Lizzie Jenkins DIXON had the following children:

- +15 i. **Mary Ida Bell BLACKLEDGE**, born on 19 Sep 1932, Beaufort Co, NC^{17,20,32}; married James H. DANIELS^{32,33}; died on 29 Mar 2004, Beaufort County Hospital, Beaufort Co, NC^{17,32}.

Samuel T. BLACKLEDGE and Myrtie CASSEL married.¹⁴ **Myrtie CASSEL.**

Third Generation

10. **Florence Louise BLACKLEDGE** was born on 4 Jan 1924 in Aurora, Beaufort Co, NC.^{22,23} She died on 29 Apr 1994 in Aurora, Beaufort Co, NC.²³ She was buried in Whitehurst Creek Cemetery, Aurora, Beaufort Co, NC.²³

Arthur Verney SPEIGHT was born on 12 Sep 1920 in Aurora, Beaufort Co, NC.^{22,23} He died on 18 Jan 1980.²³ He was buried in Whitehurst Creek Cemetery, Aurora, Beaufort Co, NC.²³ Florence Louise BLACKLEDGE and Arthur Verney SPEIGHT had the following children:

- +16 i. **Ola Mae SPEIGHT**, born on 21 Aug 1941, Aurora, Beaufort Co, NC^{17,23}; married Melvin Ray MATTOCKS Sr., on 18 Jan 1964^{23,34}; died on 7 Feb 2010, Oyster Bay, NY^{17,23}.
- 17 ii. **Arthur L. SPEIGHT** was born on 2 Jan 1944 in Bonnertown, NC.³⁵
- +18 iii. **Nora Louise SPEIGHT**, born on 6 Aug 1945, Aurora, Beaufort Co, NC^{23,35}; married CREDLE²³.
- 19 iv. **Marie SPEIGHT** was born on 7 Sep 1946 in Beaufort Co, NC.³⁶ She died when just two hours old on 7 Sep 1946 in Richland, Beaufort Co, NC.³⁶ She was buried on 8 Sep 1946 in Whitehurst Creek Cemetery, Aurora, Beaufort Co, NC.³⁶
- 20 v. **Doris Bee SPEIGHT** was born on 10 Aug 1947 in Aurora, Beaufort Co, NC.^{23,35} She died in Aurora, Beaufort Co, NC.²³
- 21 vi. **Fred Louis SPEIGHT** was born on 20 Jul 1948 in Aurora, Beaufort Co, NC.²² He died of meningitis due to otitis media on 25 Feb 1949 in Aurora, Beaufort Co, NC.²² He was buried on 25 Feb 1949 in a home cemetery, Rt 2, Aurora, Beaufort Co, NC.²²
- 22 vii. **Tyrone Robert SPEIGHT** was born on 29 Jul 1950 in Beaufort Co, NC.³⁷ He died apparently of bronchial pneumonia on 29 Dec 1950 in rural Aurora, Beaufort

- Co, NC.³⁷ He was buried on 29 Dec 1950 in Brown Place Cemetery, New Aurora, Beaufort Co, NC.³⁷
- 23 viii. **Betty Jane SPEIGHT**²³ was born on 6 Aug 1951 in Bonnertown, NC.³⁵
 - 24 ix. **Bobby Earl SPEIGHT** was born on 17 Mar 1955 in Aurora, Beaufort Co, NC.³⁵
 - 25 x. **Curfew SPEIGHT** was born on 28 Apr 1956 in Aurora, Beaufort Co, NC.²³
 - +26 xi. **Laura SPEIGHT**, married EARL²³.
 - 27 xii. **Clevester SPEIGHT**²³.

11. **Walter Charles BLACKLEDGE** was born on 13 May 1925 in Beaufort Co, NC.^{19,20,23,24} His death record says the 14th, but his birth record says the 13th. Walter Blackledge's birth record shows his parents as Jasper Blackledge and Laura Adams. He and his wife, Edna, were listed in the city directory in San Diego, CA in 1943.³⁸ He served from 17 Jul 1943 to 15 Jan 1946 in the U.S. Navy.^{5,29,38} Walter's tombstone inscription says he was in the U.S. Navy (CM3) in WW II. He worked for Quality Tire & Appliance Co and he and his wife Edna lived at 923 Island Av. in San Diego, CA in 1952.³⁹ He died on 27 Feb 2000 in Los Angeles Co, CA.^{19,23,29} He was buried on 6 Mar 2000 in Riverside National Cemetery, Riverside, CA.^{5,29} (Section 50, Site 2763).

Walter Charles BLACKLEDGE and Edna L. DAVIS married.²⁵ **Edna L. DAVIS**⁴⁰ was born on 28 Apr 1926 in OK.²⁵ She died on 16 Jan 2007.²⁵ Edna was survived by her three children, seven grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren. She was a baker for F. W. Woolworth and lived in San Diego, CA.²⁵ Walter Charles BLACKLEDGE and Edna L. DAVIS had the following children:

- +28 i. **Walter Manuel BLACKLEDGE Jr.**, born on 30 Nov 1944, San Diego Co, CA⁴⁰; married Molly, (his first)⁴¹.
- +29 ii. **Lauretta Beatrice BLACKLEDGE**, born on 25 Feb 1947, San Diego Co, CA⁴⁰; married Alexander WEIR III, on 25 Mar 1972, Las Vegas, Clark Co, NV⁴².
- 30 iii. **Sandra Leona BLACKLEDGE** was born on 1 Mar 1949 in San Diego Co, CA.⁴⁰ Her name was spelled 'Saundra' in her mother's obituary. She had never married as of Jul 2010.⁴¹

Walter Charles BLACKLEDGE and Henrietta L. CHAPMAN married on 31 Aug 1962 in San Diego Co, CA.²⁶⁻²⁸ They filed for divorce in Jan 1968 in Los Angeles, CA.²⁶ **Henrietta L. CHAPMAN** (daughter of CHAPMAN and PORTER) was born on 13 Dec 1932 in AR.^{19,27} She died on 19 Dec 1997 in San Diego Co, CA.¹⁹ She was previously married, to a Mr. Jones.²⁷

Walter Charles BLACKLEDGE and Dianne M. SNEED or ALLEN married on 14 Aug 1970 in Los Angeles, CA.²⁷ Walter's age is 45 and Dianne's age is 32 on the marriage record. **Dianne M. SNEED or ALLEN** was born about 1938.²⁷

12. **Mary Frances BLACKLEDGE** was born on 16 Apr 1935 in Beaufort Co, NC.²⁰

Sylvester PARMELEE²⁰. Mary Frances BLACKLEDGE and Sylvester PARMELEE had the following children:

- 31 i. **Sylvia Ann PARMELEE** was born on 18 Jul 1950 in Beaufort Co, NC.²⁰ The birth index shows Sylvia's parents as Sylvester Parmelee and Mary Frances Blackledge.
- 32 ii. **Gloria Jean PARMELEE** was born on 20 Jun 1956 in Beaufort Co, NC.²⁰

15. **Mary Ida Bell BLACKLEDGE**³³ was born on 19 Sep 1932 in Beaufort Co, NC.^{17,20,32} She is listed

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as Annie Maybelle Blackledge, daughter of S. T. Blackledge and Lizzie Jenkins Dixon in the NC birth index. In her children's birth records, her name was given as Mary Ida Bell Blackledge, Mary Idabelle Blackledge, Mary Idabell Blackledge, or Mary Ida Belle Blackledge. And, she was listed as Mary Ida Bell Blackledge Daniels, daughter of the late Lizzie Jenkins Dixon and Samuel Blackledge in her own obituary. She died on 29 Mar 2004 in Beaufort County Hospital, Beaufort Co, NC.^{17,32} She was called Mary Ida Bell Blackledge Daniels in her son James E. Blackledge's obituary.³³

James H. RASPBERRY³³ died before 2008.³³ He was listed as James Raspberry on his son James' birth record.²⁰ Mary Ida Bell BLACKLEDGE and James H. RASPBERRY had the following children:

- +33 i. **James Earl BLACKLEDGE Sr.**, born on 30 Mar 1950, Beaufort Co, NC^{20,33}; married Doris Lee MOORE, on 9 Jul 1970³³; died on 12 Aug 2008, Washington, Beaufort Co, NC³³.

<unknown>. This father of some of Mary Ida Bell Blackledge's children, whose surname was shown as Blackledge, was given as 'Not Reported' on the North Carolina Birth Index. These children were Milton Ray, Larry, Marcia Louise, Michael Thomas, Gregory, and Alonza Willabee. In addition, Yvette Norman, Pammie Lewis, James Wilson, and Tyrone Satterthwaite were listed as children of Mary Ida Bell Blackledge Daniels in her obituary as well as siblings of Mary's son James Earl Blackledge Sr. in his obituary. More research needs to be done to determine who is/are these children's father(s) and verify that they are indeed Mary's birth children. Mary Ida Bell BLACKLEDGE and <unknown> had the following children:

- 34 i. **Milton Ray BLACKLEDGE** was born on 25 Sep 1952 in Beaufort Co, NC.²⁰ He was listed as living in Denver, CO, in his mother's obituary in 2004 and brother James' obituary in 2008.^{32,33}
- +35 ii. **Larry BLACKLEDGE**, born on 7 Sep 1953, Beaufort Co, NC²⁰; married Carrie Faye GREEN, on 2 Sep 1977, Greenville, Pitt Co, NC⁴³.
- +36 iii. **Marcia Louise BLACKLEDGE**, born on 12 Feb 1955, Beaufort Co, NC^{20,33}; died on 23 May 2005, Beaufort Co, NC¹⁷.
- 37 iv. **Michael Thomas BLACKLEDGE** was born on 13 Jun 1956 in Beaufort Co, NC.²⁰ He was listed as living in Washington, Beaufort Co, NC in his mother's obituary in 2004.³² He again was living in Washington, NC, in his brother James E. Blackledge's obituary in 2008.³³
- 38 v. **Gregory BLACKLEDGE** was born on 20 Feb 1958 in Beaufort Co, NC.³² He was listed as living in Washington, Beaufort Co, NC in his mother's obituary in 2004.³² He still was living in Washington, NC, in his brother James E. Blackledge's obituary in 2008.³³
- 39 vi. **Alonza Willabee BLACKLEDGE** was born on 12 Sep 1959 in Beaufort Co, NC.²⁰ He was listed as living in Washington, Beaufort Co, NC in his mother's obituary in 2004.³² He still was living in Washington, NC, in his brother James E. Blackledge's obituary in 2008.³³
- 40 vii. **Yvette** was listed as Yvette Norman of Greenville in her mother's obituary and her brother James' obituary.^{32,33} It is not know if Norman is her maiden name or married name.
- 41 viii. **Pammie** was listed as Pammie Lewis in both her mother and her brother James' obituaries.^{32,33} It is not know if Lewis is her maiden name or her married name.

WILSON³². Mary Ida Bell BLACKLEDGE and WILSON had the following children:

- 42 i. **James WILSON** was listed as a son in his mother's obituary in 2004 and as a

- brother in Mary's son James' obituary in 2008.^{32,33} James Wilson lived in Florence, SC, in 2004 and in Greenville, NC, in 2008.
- 43 ii. **Vanessa WILSON**^{32,33} was listed as a sister of James E. Blackledge in his obituary in 2008.³³ She was living in NY in 2008.³³ However, she was not listed as a daughter of Mary Ida Bell Blackledge Daniels in her obituary, and so may be a daughter only of the Mr. Wilson who was father of Mary's son James Wilson. This needs to be researched more.

SATTERTHWAITE³². Mary Ida Bell BLACKLEDGE and SATTERTHWAITE had the following children:

- 44 i. **Tyrone SATTERTHWAITE** was listed as a son in Mary Ida Bell Blackledge's obit in 2004 and as a brother in Mary's son James in 2008.^{32,33} Tyrone was living in Washington, NC.

Mary Ida Bell BLACKLEDGE and James H. DANIELS married.^{32,33} **James H. DANIELS**^{32,33} died before 29 Mar 2004.³² Mary Ida Bell BLACKLEDGE and James H. DANIELS had the following children:

- +45 i. **Schell Sarita DANIELS**, born on 7 Sep 1965, Beaufort Co, NC²⁰; married BALDWIN³².
- 46 ii. **Travis Lee DANIELS** was born on 29 Nov 1969 in Beaufort Co, NC.²⁰ He died before 29 Mar 2004.³² He was listed as deceased in his mother's obituary in 2004.³²
- 47 iii. **David DANIELS** died before 29 Mar 2004.³² He was not in the NC birth index, but was listed as being deceased in his mother's obituary in 2004.³²

Fourth Generation

16. **Ola Mae SPEIGHT** was born on 21 Aug 1941 in Aurora, Beaufort Co, NC.^{17,23} She graduated in 1959 from S. W. Snowden High School.²³ (Salutatorian). She relocated to Brooklyn, NY bef 1964 and then to Oyster Bay, NY in 1972.²³ She died on 7 Feb 2010 in Oyster Bay, NY.^{17,23} She was buried in Pine Hollow Cemetery.³⁴

Ola Mae SPEIGHT and Melvin Ray MATTOCKS Sr. married on 18 Jan 1964.^{23,34} Ola and Melvin were high school sweethearts. **Melvin Ray MATTOCKS Sr.**⁴⁴ (son of William MATTOCKS and Versie JOHNSON) was born on 16 Jan 1940 in Aurora, Beaufort Co, NC.²³ He died on 20 Apr 1999 in Oyster Bay, NY.²³ Ola Mae SPEIGHT and Melvin Ray MATTOCKS Sr. had the following children:

- 48 i. **Melvin R. MATTOCKS Jr.**³⁴.
- 49 ii. **Marc R. MATTOCKS**³⁴.
- 50 iii. **Steven C. MATTOCKS**³⁴.

18. **Nora Louise SPEIGHT** was born on 6 Aug 1945 in Aurora, Beaufort Co, NC.^{23,35}

Nora Louise SPEIGHT and CREDLE married.²³ **CREDLE**.

26. **Laura SPEIGHT**²³.

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Laura SPEIGHT and EARL married.²³ **EARL.**

28. **Walter Manuel BLACKLEDGE Jr.** was born on 30 Nov 1944 in San Diego Co, CA.⁴⁰ He lived in MD when his mother died in 2007.²⁵ He married twice.⁴¹

Walter Manuel BLACKLEDGE Jr. and Molly married (his first).⁴¹ **Molly.**

29. **Lauretta Beatrice BLACKLEDGE**²⁵ was born on 25 Feb 1947 in San Diego Co, CA.⁴⁰

Lauretta Beatrice BLACKLEDGE and Alexander WEIR III married on 25 Mar 1972 in Las Vegas, Clark Co, NV.⁴² **Alexander WEIR III.**

33. **James Earl BLACKLEDGE Sr.** was born on 30 Mar 1950 in Beaufort Co, NC.^{20,33} On the birth index, his parents were listed as James Raspberry and Mary Idabelle Blackledge. He graduated in 1969 from Washington High School, Washington, Beaufort Co, NC.³³ He was listed as living in Washington, Beaufort Co, NC in his mother's obituary in 2004.³² He died at Beaufort County Hospital on 12 Aug 2008 in Washington, Beaufort Co, NC.³³ He was buried in Cedar Hill Cemetery, NC.^{5,33} He was employed in the city water and sewer department in Washington, Beaufort Co, NC.³³ James was a member of Cornerstone Family Worship Center, Washington, Beaufort Co, NC.

James Earl BLACKLEDGE Sr. and Doris Lee MOORE married on 9 Jul 1970.³³ **Doris Lee MOORE**³⁵. James Earl BLACKLEDGE Sr. and Doris Lee MOORE had the following children:

- +51 i. **Pamela Michelle BLACKLEDGE**, born on 28 Feb 1970, Washington, Beaufort Co, NC³⁵; married Robert C. LAWS Jr.³³.
- 52 ii. **Crystal BLACKLEDGE** was listed as Crystal Blackledge of Washington, NC, in her father's obituary in 2008.³³
- 53 iii. **James Earl BLACKLEDGE Jr.** was born on 17 Jan 1973 in Washington, Beaufort Co, NC.³⁵ He was listed as James Blackledge Jr. of Washington, NC in his father's obituary in 2008.³³
- 54 iv. **Milton Tramaine BLACKLEDGE** was born on 10 Mar 1981 in Washington, Beaufort Co, NC.³⁵ He was listed as Milton Blackledge of Marietta, GA, in his father's obituary in 2008.³³

35. **Larry BLACKLEDGE** was born on 7 Sep 1953 in Beaufort Co, NC.²⁰ He was listed as living in Washington, Beaufort Co, NC in his mother's obituary in 2004.³² He was listed as Larry Blackledge of Greenville, NC, in his brother James E. Blackledge's obituary in 2008.³³

Larry BLACKLEDGE and Carrie Faye GREEN married on 2 Sep 1977 in Greenville, Pitt Co, NC.⁴³ **Carrie Faye GREEN** was born about 1954.⁴³

36. **Marcia Louise BLACKLEDGE** was born on 12 Feb 1955 in Beaufort Co, NC.^{20,33} She was listed as Marcia Blackledge, living in Washington, Beaufort Co, NC in her mother's obituary in 2004.³² She died on 23 May 2005 in Beaufort Co, NC.¹⁷

Schell BALDWIN³².

45. **Schell Sarita DANIELS** was born on 7 Sep 1965 in Beaufort Co, NC.²⁰ She was listed as Schell Baldwin of Washington, NC in her mother's obit in 2004 and brother James' obit in 2008.^{32,33}

Schell Sarita DANIELS and BALDWIN married.³² **BALDWIN**.

Fifth Generation

51. **Pamela Michelle BLACKLEDGE** was born on 28 Feb 1970 in Washington, Beaufort Co, NC.³⁵ She was listed as Pamela Laws of Mableton, GA, in her father's obituary in 2008.³³

Pamela Michelle BLACKLEDGE and Robert C. LAWS Jr. married.³³ **Robert C. LAWS Jr.**³⁵. Pamela Michelle BLACKLEDGE and Robert C. LAWS Jr. had the following children:

- 55 i. **D'Andre Dévier LAWS** was born on 14 Dec 1988 in Pitt Co, NC.³⁵
- 56 ii. **India D'Shontaye LAWS** was born on 12 Apr 1990 in Pitt Co, NC.³⁵

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Descendants of Sabre

First Generation

1. **Sabre**¹. *[The compilers think Sabre may be related to Cain Blackledge by spousal connections; see the write-up on Frances Blackledge, b. abt 1855 in that family.]*

Sabre had the following children:

- +2 i. **Abram BLACKLEDGE**, married Ann²; died before 17 Dec 1872¹.

Second Generation

2. **Abram BLACKLEDGE** died before 17 Dec 1872.¹ He served in the Civil War.¹ Abram served with Co. H, 35th US Colored Infantry. His mother, Sabre, filed for a pension on 17 Dec 1872, but must not have been granted one or died before being granted one since no Certificate # was listed in the index. The National Archives was unable to locate the pension file, so additional information was not available. He is presumed to be the Abram Blackledge that Ann Harper said was her first husband.² However, that still needs to be proved.

Abram BLACKLEDGE and Ann married.² **Ann** (daughter of Joel PATRICK and Rosetta GRICE) was born about 1843 in Washington, NC.² She later married Charles Harper before 24 Jul 1873.² She made an application (#3717) to the Freedman's Bank on 24 Jul 1873.² On the application Ann stated that she had children Amanda and Simon (both dead) by her first husband Abram Blackledge (dead). Abram BLACKLEDGE and Ann had the following children:

- 3 i. **Amanda BLACKLEDGE**².
- 4 ii. **Simon BLACKLEDGE**².

Sources for Report: Descendants of Sabre Blackledge

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North Carolina – Craven Co

Descendants of David Blackledge

First Generation

1. **David BLACKLEDGE** was born about 1800 in NC.¹ He appeared in the census in 1870 in Craven Co, NC. David Blackledge (70, farm laborer), his wife Frances (60, keeping house), and sons Emperor (13, farm laborer), Edward (10, farm laborer), and Jackson (8), all Black, are listed in the household of the family of John W. and Maria Arms/Arvis [surname difficult to read], a white farming family. He appeared in the census in 1880 in Craven Co, NC. David Blackledge [sic] (80, married, farmer), his wife Fannie (50, keeping house), and sons Emperor (21, farm laborer), Edward (18, farm laborer), and John (16, farm laborer) were listed in the household of John (50) and Salina (45) Cobbins. All are Black and all but John Blackledge are designated as not able to read or write.

David BLACKLEDGE and Frances "Fannie" married.¹ **Frances "Fannie"** was born about 1810 in NC.¹ David BLACKLEDGE and Frances "Fannie" had the following children:

- 2 i. **Emperor BLACKLEDGE** was born about 1858 in NC.¹ He was 13 in the 1870 Census, but 21 in the 1880 Census.
- 3 ii. **Edward BLACKLEDGE** was born about 1859 in NC.¹ Edward was 10 in the 1870 Census, but 18 in the 1880 Census.
- 4 iii. **Jackson/John BLACKLEDGE** was born about 1863 in NC.¹ He was listed as Jackson (8) in the 1870 Census, but as John (16) in the 1880 Census.

Sources for Report: Descendants of David Blackledge

1. 1870 Federal Census.

Descendants of Eddie Blackledge

First Generation

1. **Edward Samuel "Eddie" BLACKLEDGE Sr.**¹⁻⁴ was born in Mar 1861 in Craven Co, NC.^{1,5} His

middle initial was D. on his daughter Bessie's death certificate, middle name was Samuel on his son Eddie's death certificate, and other documents did not give a middle name or initial. He appeared in the census in 1900 in Craven Co, NC. Edward Blackledge (39, born in Mar 1861, married 14 years, farmer) and his wife Alice [sic] (35, born in May 1865, married 14 years, mother of 9 children with 7 still living) are with their surviving children: Emma J. (18, born in Dec 1881, farm laborer), Nellie (13, born in Apr 1887, farm laborer), Arrenia (11, born in Jun 1888, farm laborer), John (9, born in Sep 1890), James (8, born in Jan 1892), Annie (6, born in Nov 1893), and Bessie B. (3, born in Jul 1896). All are shown as Black and born in NC and all the children are single.

He appeared in the census in 1910 in Pollocksville, Jones Co, NC. Ed Blackledge (53, married one time for 23 years, farmer) and his wife Alice (38, mother of 12 children with 9 still living) are with these children: Arrena (15, farm laborer), Johnnie (17, farm laborer), Bessie B. (13, farm laborer), Eddie (8, farm laborer), Harvie [sic] (7, farm laborer), Cleet [sic] (3), and a grandson Horrace [sic] Blackledge (3). All are Black and all are born in NC. He does not appear in any census after the 1910 Census and may have died between 1910 and 1920.

Edward Samuel "Eddie" BLACKLEDGE Sr. and Alice HUELL married about 1886.⁵ The 1900 Census showed them married for 14 years. **Alice HUELL**^{1,2} was born in May 1865 in Craven Co, NC.^{1,5} She appeared in the census in 1920 in Pollocksville, Jones Co, NC. Alice Boon [sic] (47, widow, farming) is with these children: son Eddie Blackledge (22, farm laborer), Harvey Blackledge (15, farm laborer), David or Daniel Williams (son, 14, farm laborer), grandson Dickson Dickson (12), son Clete Blackledge (11), and granddaughter Irene Blackledge (1-2/12). All are Black, Alice Boon and Eddie Blackledge are the only ones marked as being able to read and write, and those who attended school were David/Daniel Williams, Dickson Dickson, and Clete Blackledge. She appeared in the census in 1930 in Craven Co, NC. Alice Boone (62) was shown as the mother-in-law of Nelson Perry, husband of Alice's daughter Annie Blackledge. She later married a Mr. Boone.³ She was shown as Alice Boone, widow, on her son Eddie's death certificate and on the 1920 and 1930 Census records. Edward Samuel "Eddie" BLACKLEDGE Sr. and Alice HUELL had the following children:

- +2 i. **Emma J. BLACKLEDGE**, born in Dec 1881, Craven Co, NC^{5,6}; married JOHNATHAN⁶; died on 25 Oct 1942, New Bern, Craven Co, NC⁶.
- 3 ii. **Nellie BLACKLEDGE** was born in Apr 1887 in NC.⁵
- 4 iii. **Arrenia BLACKLEDGE** was born in Jun 1888 in NC.⁵
- +5 iv. **John E. BLACKLEDGE**, born in Sep 1890, NC^{7,8}; married Malissa HILLIARD, about 1912⁹; married Lillie, about 1928⁹; died on 27 Apr 1947, rural Cedar Creek, Cumberland Co, NC⁸.
- +6 v. **James BLACKLEDGE**, born in Jan 1892, NC^{5,10}; married Novella WILLIAMS¹⁰.
- +7 vi. **Annie BLACKLEDGE**, born in Nov 1893, Craven Co, NC^{5,11}; married Nelson PERRY¹¹; died on 12 Dec 1941, Goldsboro, Wayne Co, NC¹¹.
- 8 vii. **Bessie BLACKLEDGE** was born in Jul 1896 in Craven Co, NC.^{1,5} That was the date in the 1900 Census, but her death certificate gave her age as 17 which would make her born abt 1898. On her death certificate, Bessie's parents were listed as E. D. Blackledge and Alice Huell. E. D. Blackledge of Rocky Point, NC, was the informant. She died of pulmonary tuberculosis on 20 Apr 1915 in Craven Co, NC.¹ She was buried on 21 Apr 1917 in Zion Burying Society.¹
- +9 viii. **Eddie Samuel BLACKLEDGE Jr.**, born about 1902^{3,5,12-15}; married Estelle SMITH⁹; died on 7 Jun 1963, New Bern, Craven Co, NC^{3,12-14}.
- +10 ix. **Harvey BLACKLEDGE**, born about 1903, NC¹⁵; married Mary HOOKS, on 26 Oct 1931, Greenville Twp, Pitt Co, NC¹⁶; married Lillian LOVETT¹⁷.
- +11 x. **Cleate Otis BLACKLEDGE**, born on 11 Jun 1907, New Bern, Craven Co, NC^{4,9,18,19}; married Clarino "Honey" DUDLEY, about 1927⁹; married Clemmie

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Effie FONVILLE^{13,20}; married Tossie GREEN²¹; died on 2 Feb 1990, Greenville, Pitt Co, NC^{4,18,19}.

- +12 xi. **William BLACKLEDGE**, born on 12 Apr 1907, New Bern, Craven Co, NC²; married Lillian²; died on 5 Feb 1961, New Bern, Craven Co, NC².

Second Generation

2. **Emma J. BLACKLEDGE** was born in Dec 1881 in Craven Co, NC.^{5,6} Eddie Blackledge of New Bern, NC, was the informant for Emma's death certificate and he said her parents were Ed Blackledge and Alice Huell, both born in Craven Co, NC, and gave her birthdate as 25 Dec 1899. However, Emma was shown as born in Dec 1881 in the 1900 Census. She was a widow and was a domestic worker when she died in 1942.⁶ She died of bronchopneumonia on 25 Oct 1942 in New Bern, Craven Co, NC.⁶ She was buried on 1 Nov 1942 in New Bern, Craven Co, NC.⁶

Emma J. BLACKLEDGE and JOHNATHAN married.⁶ **JOHNATHAN** died before 25 Oct 1942.⁶

5. **John E. BLACKLEDGE** was born in Sep 1890 in NC.^{7,8} That was the birthdate given in the 1900 Census, but he was 17 in the 1910 Census which would make his birthdate abt 1893, and his birthdate on his death record is 18 Dec 1896. Also, his middle initial is taken from his death record. The informant on his death certificate is his wife Lillie Blackledge who named his parents as Edward and Alice Blackledge, both born in Pamlico Co, NC. He appeared in the census in 1920 in Cedar Creek, Cumberland Co, NC. Living with his father-in-law Harlie Hilliard (72, Black, widower, no occupation) are John Blackledge (25, Black, farmer), his wife Melissie (22, Mulatto) and their daughter Eller [sic] M. (1-0/12, Mulatto). He appeared in the census in 1930 in Cedar Creek, Cumberland Co, NC. John Blackledge (43, married the first time at age 25, cotton and corn farmer) and his wife Lettie (35, married the first time at age 33) were with John's children from a previous marriage: Ela M. (11), Edward S. (9), Daritha (7), and Alice (5). Albert Robinson (65, widower, farm laborer) was also listed in the household. He died at home of a pulmonary hemorrhage on 27 Apr 1947 in rural Cedar Creek, Cumberland Co, NC.⁸ He was buried in Falling Run Baptist Church Cemetery, Fayetteville, Cumberland Co, NC.⁸

John E. BLACKLEDGE and Malissa HILLIARD married about 1912.⁹ **Malissa HILLIARD** (daughter of Harlie HILLIARD) was born about 1898 in NC.^{22,23} She was named on her daughter Esther's and son Edward Stanley's death certificates.^{24,25} John E. BLACKLEDGE and Malissa HILLIARD had the following children:

- +13 i. **Ella Mae BLACKLEDGE**, born on 31 Dec 1918, NC^{9,18}; married GEDDIE¹⁸; died on 12 Sep 1988, Detroit, Wayne Co, MI^{18,26}.
- 14 ii. **Esther BLACKLEDGE**²⁷ was born on 5 Aug 1920 in NC.²⁴ She died on 16 Aug 1920 in Cedar Creek, Cumberland Co, NC.²⁴ She was buried in Falling Run Baptist Church Cemetery, Fayetteville, Cumberland Co, NC.²⁴
- +15 iii. **Edward Stanley BLACKLEDGE**, born on 22 Oct 1921, NC^{9,25}; married Sudie/Susie Alice LOCK, on 4 Jul 1942, Eastover, Cumberland Co, NC^{25,28}; died on 3 Jan 1970, Fayetteville, Cumberland Co, NC²⁵.
- 16 iv. **Everline BLACKLEDGE**²⁷.
- 17 v. **Daritha BLACKLEDGE** was born about 1923 in NC.⁹
- 18 vi. **Alice Ann BLACKLEDGE**²⁷ was born about 1925 in NC.⁹
- 19 vii. **Harry/Happy Neil BLACKLEDGE**²⁷ was born on 17 Oct 1927 in NC.^{22,27} He

was called Harry on the birth index, but Happy on his death certificate. He died of colitis on 24 Jun 1928 in Cedar Creek, Cumberland Co, NC.²² His death certificate stated he was born in Oct 1928 and died in Jun 1928 at 8 month of age, so his birth year should have been 1927 rather than 1928. He was buried in Lock Creek, NC.²²

John E. BLACKLEDGE and Lillie married about 1928.⁹ The 1930 Census stated that Lettie, 35, was 33 when she first married. **Lillie** was born about 1895 in NC.⁹ Her name looks like Lettie in the 1930 Census, but is Lillie on John's death record.

6. **James BLACKLEDGE** was born in Jan 1892 in NC.^{5,10} This was the date given in the 1900 Census. He appeared in the census in 1910 in Jacksonville, Onslow Co, NC. James Blackledge (19, logger in the woods) was with his wife of less than a year, Novellar [sic] (15). He appeared in the census in 1920 in Kinston, Lenoir Co, NC. James Blackledge (28, farmer) and his wife Novella (23) are with their children: Jas. W. (7), Rowanna (5), and Wm. D. (4). He appeared in the census in 1930 in Craven Co, NC. James Blackledge (39, married the first time at age 18, farmer) and his wife Novella (36, married the first time at age 15) are with their son James W. (18, married at age 16, farm laborer), daughter-in-law Eldre (22, married at age 20), daughter Rowena (16), son William (19, farm laborer), son Leroy (7), daughter Clara Belle (6), and son Roosevelt (2). He and his wife Novella and sons Jas. W. and Roosevelt are listed in the same house in the directory in Norfolk and Portsmouth, VA in 1940.²⁹ He appeared in the census in 1940 in Norfolk, Norfolk Co, VA. James Blackledge (48, completed grade 5, no occupation listed) and his wife Novella (42, completed grade 6 maid for a private family) are with their son James Jr. (28, completed grade 4, farmer), son Roosevelt (11, completed grade 2), son-in-law Willie Harris (21, born in VA, completed the 6th grade, rug cleaner for a domestic service) and daughter Clarabelle [sic] Harris (17, born in NC, completed the 5th grade). He is believed to be the son of Eddie and Alice Huell Blackledge, but this still needs to be proved.^{5,15} This James is the right age in the 1910 Census where he appears with his new wife, and no James is listed with his parents in that census.

James BLACKLEDGE and Novella WILLIAMS married.¹⁰ **Novella WILLIAMS** was born on 22 Nov 1894 in Pollocksville, Jones Co, NC.^{9,10,19} Novella was 36 in the 1930 Census. She died in Feb 1977.¹⁹ She was issued a Social Security number before 1951 in VA, and her last benefit was paid in Baltimore, Baltimore Co, MD.¹⁹ James BLACKLEDGE and Novella WILLIAMS had the following children:

- +20 i. **James W. BLACKLEDGE**, born about 1912, NC⁹; married Eldre, about 1928⁹.
- 21 ii. **Rowena BLACKLEDGE** was born about 1915 in NC.⁹
- 22 iii. **William D. BLACKLEDGE**¹⁵ was born about 1916 in NC.^{9,23} William D. was 4 in the 1920 Census, but 19 in the 1930 Census.
- 23 iv. **Nelson LeRoy BLACKLEDGE** was born on 14 May 1919 in Trentwood Farm, NC.¹⁰ He died of pneumonia on 10 Dec 1919 in Kinston, Lenoir Co, NC.¹⁰ He was buried on 11 Dec 1919 in Kinston, Lenoir Co, NC.¹⁰
- 24 v. **Leroy BLACKLEDGE** was born about 1923 in NC.⁹
- +25 vi. **Clara Belle BLACKLEDGE**, born about 1924, NC⁹; married Willie HARRIS³⁰.
- 26 vii. **Roosevelt BLACKLEDGE** was born about 1928 in NC.⁹

7. **Annie BLACKLEDGE** was born in Nov 1893 in Craven Co, NC.^{5,11} That was the date in the 1900 Census, however, she was shown as 43 years old on her death certificate which would make her born abt 1898. Dr. F. L. Whelpley of Goldsboro, NC, was the informant for Annie's death certificate which showed her parents as Ed Blackledge and Alice Huel [sic], both born in Craven Co, NC. She died of general paralysis on 12 Dec 1941 in Goldsboro, Wayne Co, NC.¹¹ She was buried in New Bern, Craven Co, NC.¹¹

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Annie BLACKLEDGE and Nelson PERRY married.¹¹ **Nelson PERRY** was born about 1895 in NC.⁹ He appeared in the census in 1910 in Craven Co, NC. Nelson Perry (18, laborer in a lumber mill) and Annie (16, farm laborer) are shown as married less than a year and are living with James (27, married one time for 10 years) and Malissie Perry (37, married a second time for 10 years, mother of 3 children with 2 still living). Although Nelson is shown as James' son, it is more likely that he is Malissie's son because of the ages of James and Malissie. He appeared in the census in 1930 in Craven Co, NC. Nelson Perry (35, farm laborer) and his wife Annie (33) are with their adopted son Earl Simmons (22), adopted daughter Ida Perry (1-4/12), mother-in-law Alice Boone (62, widow), and niece Irene Blackledge (10). He appeared in the census in 1940 in Craven Co, NC. Annie Perry (38, married, completed three years of high school) is listed as head of the household consisting of husband Nelson Perry (48, married, completed 0 years of school, farm operator), daughter Maggie M. [sic] (12, completed 6 years of school), daughter Ida M. (11, completed 4 years of school), mother Alice Boone (70, widow, completed 0 years of school), cousin Laura Ellcott or Elliott (40, single, completed 4 years of school), and roomer Earl Simmons (35, single, completed 0 years of school, laborer). Annie BLACKLEDGE and Nelson PERRY had the following children:

- 27 i. **Earl SIMMONS** was born about 1908 in NC.⁹ He was shown as the adopted son of Nelson and Annie Perry in the Census taken in Craven Co, NC in 1930.⁹ However, in the 1940 Census he was merely listed as a roomer in the household.
- 28 ii. **Maggie Lee PERRY** was born on 4 Aug 1929 in NC.³¹ She died of respiratory failure due to a central nervous system lesion on 3 Jun 1970 in New Bern, Craven Co, NC.³¹ She was buried on 8 Jun 1970 in McKeithen Cemetery, New Bern, Craven Co, NC.³¹ She never married and worked as a maid.³¹
- 29 iii. **Ida PERRY** was born about 1929 in NC.⁹ She was shown as the adopted daughter of Nelson and Annie Perry in the census taken in Craven Co, NC in 1930.⁹

9. **Eddie Samuel BLACKLEDGE Jr.** was born about 1902.^{3,5,12-15} The date on burial records was 15 Jun 1896, however Hazel F. Turner was the informant for his death certificate and said Eddie's birthdate was 14 Feb 1896. Eddie's death certificate also listed his parents as Eddie Samuel Blackledge Sr. and Allace [sic] Boone. However, he was not listed with his parents in the 1900 Census, and was shown as 8 years old in the 1910 Census, so we list his birthdate as abt 1902. This person needs to be further researched. He died from a coronary thrombosis on 7 Jun 1963 in New Bern, Craven Co, NC.^{3,12-14} Hazel F. Turner of the same address as Eddie (619 Third Av., New Bern, Craven Co, NC) was the informant for the death certificate. He was buried in New Bern National Cemetery, New Bern Craven Co, NC.^{3,12-14} (Section 6, Site 6134). His tombstone reads: *Eddie S. Blackledge North Carolina PFC QMC World War I June 15 1896 June 7 1963*. He served in the U.S. Army in WW I (Pfc).^{3,12,14} He was shown as divorced on his death certificate.³

Eddie Samuel BLACKLEDGE Jr. and Estelle SMITH married.⁹ It still needs to be proved that Estelle Smith was married to this Eddie Blackledge. They are not found together on census records and this link has been made based on geographic location and death records of children. **Estelle SMITH** (daughter of SMITH and Reva N.) was born about 1902 in NC.⁹ She appeared in the census in 1930 in New Bern, Craven Co, NC. Living with her mother Reva N. Smith (42, widow, laundress) is Estella Blackledge (28, married the first time at age 21, servant for a private family) and her daughter Daisy L. Blackledge (5), along with Estella's sister Henrietta Smith (20, servant for a private family), and 3 other grandchildren of Reva Smith - Mabel R. Jordan (4-9/12), Reva A. Dawson (4/12), and Betty Bell (9/12) - and Reva's brother Richard Ventera (26, married at age 23, laborer in a lumber mill). Eddie Samuel BLACKLEDGE Jr. and Estelle SMITH had the following children:

- 30 i. **Daisy L. BLACKLEDGE** was born about 1925 in NC.⁹
- +31 ii. **Hazel BLACKLEDGE**, born on 17 Jun 1930, Craven Co, NC³²; married Eddie

FORD Jr.³²; died on 17 Jun 1968, New Bern, Craven Co, NC³².

10. **Harvey BLACKLEDGE**¹⁷ was born about 1903 in NC.¹⁵

Harvey BLACKLEDGE and Mary HOOKS married on 26 Oct 1931 in Greenville Twp, Pitt Co, NC.¹⁶ On the marriage record, Harvey is 26 and Mary is 22. **Mary HOOKS** (daughter of Simon HOOKS and Tammie) was born about 1909.¹⁶

Harvey BLACKLEDGE and Lillian LOVETT married.¹⁷ **Lillian LOVETT** (daughter of Scott LOVETT and Piney MANNING) was born on 13 Jun 1914 in Craven Co, NC.^{17,33} Her mother's name was given as Piney Lovick on Lillian's death records, but her parents were listed as Scott Lovett and Piney Manning in the Rankin-Cowan family tree. She died of a pulmonary embolism on 2 Dec 1971 in Craven County Hospital, New Bern, Craven Co, NC.¹⁷ She was buried on 5 Dec 1971 in Meadows Cemetery, New Bern/James City, Craven Co, NC.¹⁷

11. **Cleate Otis BLACKLEDGE**⁴ was born on 11 Jun 1907 in New Bern, Craven Co, NC.^{4,9,18,19} He appeared in the census in 1930 in New Bern, Craven Co, NC. Cleat Blackledge (23, married the first time at age 20, laborer in a lumber mill) was with his wife Clara [sic] (18). He appeared in the census in 1940 in New Bern, Craven Co, NC. Renting a home on Queen St. for \$6 per month, Cleat Blackledge [sic] (32, completed 2 years of school, laborer in a lumber mill) and his wife Clarena [sic] (26, completed 4 years of school) are with their five surviving children: Mary Ellis [sic] (9, completed 3 years of school), Ella Mae (7, completed 1 year of school), Mildred (5), Clara Mae (3), and Cleat Jr. (2). He died on 2 Feb 1990 in Greenville, Pitt Co, NC.^{4,18,19} Cleate was shown as a widower on his death record.

Cleate Otis BLACKLEDGE and Clarino "Honey" DUDLEY married about 1927.⁹ **Clarino "Honey" DUDLEY**^{4,34} (daughter of Wiley F. DUDLEY and Mary Eliza) was born on 15 Oct 1913 in NC.^{4,9,13,34} She was listed as Clara on the 1930 Census, and as Clarena Dudley on her daughter Mildred's death certificate, but Clarino on most other records. The Britt family tree gave her parents names as Wiley F. Dudley and Mary Eliza Dudley Fisher. She died on 16 Aug 1968 in Brooklyn, NY.^{4,13} She was buried in Meadows Cemetery, James City, Craven Co, NC.¹³ Cleate Otis BLACKLEDGE and Clarino "Honey" DUDLEY had the following children:

- 32 i. **Robert Lee BLACKLEDGE** was born on 8 Jun 1929 in New Bern, Craven Co, NC.³⁵ The informant for Robert's death certificate was his father Cleate Blackledge who said he was the father and Clarino [sic] Dudley was the mother. He died [stillborn] on 8 Jun 1929 in New Bern, Craven Co, NC.³⁵ He was buried on 9 Jun 1929 in Greenwood Cemetery, New Bern, Craven Co, NC.³⁵
- 33 ii. **Mary Alice/A. S. BLACKLEDGE** was born on 30 Jun 1930.^{4,30} She died on 13 Mar 1993 in Brooklyn, NY.⁴
- 34 iii. **Ella Mae BLACKLEDGE** was born on 7 Dec 1931 in New Bern, Craven Co, NC.^{4,30} She died on 25 Aug 1986 in Chapel Hill, NC.⁴
- 35 iv. **David Lee BLACKLEDGE** was born on 27 Mar 1932 in New Bern, Craven Co, NC.⁴ He died on 27 Mar 1932 in New Bern, Craven Co, NC.⁴
- 36 v. **Wilmer Louise BLACKLEDGE** was born on 16 Jan 1933 in New Bern, Craven Co, NC.⁴ She died on 27 Jan 1933 in New Bern, Craven Co, NC.^{4,36} The name on her death certificate is difficult to read and looks like Loudal, but may be Louise. The parents are shown on the death certificate as Clee Blackledge and Claretta Blackledge, with Clee Blackledge being the informant. The family lived on Railroad St. in New Bern.

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- 37 vi. **Mildred BLACKLEDGE** was born on 24 Mar 1934 in Craven Co, NC.^{30,34}
Clarena Blackledge was the informant on Mildred's death certificate which lists her parents as Cleate Blackledge and Clarena [sic] Dudley. She died of a fractured skull sustained in an auto accident on 11 Jun 1956 in Tayloe Hospital, Washington, Beaufort Co, NC.³⁴ She was an unmarried domestic worker in 1956.³⁴ She was buried in Greenwood Cemetery, New Bern, Craven Co, NC.³⁴
- +38 vii. **Clara Mae BLACKLEDGE**, born on 2 Dec 1936, New Bern, Craven Co, NC^{4,18,19,30}; married Norman BROTHERS^{18,37}; died on 5 Oct 2003, New Bern, Craven Co, NC^{4,18,19,37}.
- 39 viii. **Cleate Otis BLACKLEDGE Jr.** was born on 3 Mar 1938 in New Bern, Craven Co, NC.^{4,30} He died on 1 Jun 1997 in MA.⁴
- +40 ix. **Bennie Lee BLACKLEDGE**, born on 19 Oct 1946, New Bern, Craven Co, NC⁴; died on 19 Sep 2000, New Bern, Craven Co, NC⁴.
- 41 x. **Evelyn Harrington BLACKLEDGE**⁴ was born on 22 May 1949 in New Bern, Craven Co, NC.³⁸ She died of burns over the entire surface of the body when an oil stove exploded and burned the house down on 7 Nov 1952 in New Bern, Craven Co, NC.³⁸ She was buried on 9 Nov 1952 in Evergreen Cemetery, New Bern, Craven Co, NC.³⁸
- +42 xi. **David BLACKLEDGE**, married Hilda³⁹.

Cleate Otis BLACKLEDGE and Clemmie Effie FONVILLE married.^{13,20} **Clemmie Effie FONVILLE** (daughter of Sam FONVILLE and Della RICHARD) was born on 23 May 1910 in Craven Co, NC.^{13,20} She died of a coronary thrombosis on 11 Apr 1959 in New Bern, Craven Co, NC.^{13,20} She was buried on 19 Apr 1959 in Evergreen Cemetery, New Bern, Craven Co, NC.^{13,20}

Cleate Otis BLACKLEDGE and Tossie GREEN married.²¹ **Tossie GREEN** (daughter of Henry GREEN and Ada MURPHY) was born on 14 Sep 1923 in NC.^{18,19,21} The Dent family tree and SSDI said Tossie was born in Sep, but the death record said Apr. She died on 8 Aug 1978 in New Bern, Craven Co, NC.^{18,19,21}

12. **William BLACKLEDGE** was born on 12 Apr 1907 in New Bern, Craven Co, NC.² The informant for William's death certificate was his wife Lillian who said his parents were Eddie Blackledge and Alice Huell. However, there is no William in the 1910 Census. He died at Good Shepherd Hospital of cancer of the stomach on 5 Feb 1961 in New Bern, Craven Co, NC.² He was buried on 8 Feb 1961 in Meadows Cemetery, James City, Craven Co, NC.²

William BLACKLEDGE and Lillian married.² **Lillian.**

Third Generation

13. **Ella Mae BLACKLEDGE** was born on 31 Dec 1918 in NC.^{9,18} She died on 12 Sep 1988 in Detroit, Wayne Co, MI.^{18,26}

Ella Mae BLACKLEDGE and GEDDIE married.¹⁸ They were divorced.¹⁸ **GEDDIE.**

15. **Edward Stanley BLACKLEDGE**²⁷ was born on 22 Oct 1921 in NC.^{9,25} He died of a cardiac arrest

on 3 Jan 1970 in Fayetteville, Cumberland Co, NC.²⁵ He was buried on 9 Jan 1970 in Falling Run Baptist Church Cemetery, Fayetteville, Cumberland Co, NC.²⁵ He was a plumber's helper.²⁵

Edward Stanley BLACKLEDGE and Sudie/Susie Alice LOCK married on 4 Jul 1942 in Eastover, Cumberland Co, NC.^{25,28} **Sudie/Susie Alice LOCK** (daughter of Jeff LOCK and Alice) was born about 1926.²⁸ She was Sudie Alice Lock, 16, daughter of Jeff and Alice Lock, on her marriage record, but Susie Lock Blackledge on her husband Edward Blackledge's death record. Edward Stanley BLACKLEDGE and Sudie/Susie Alice LOCK had the following children:

- 43 i. **Lois Jane BLACKLEDGE** was born on 11 May 1944 in Eastover, Cumberland Co, NC.⁴⁰

20. **James W. BLACKLEDGE** was born about 1912 in NC.⁹ James was 18 in the 1930 Census.

James W. BLACKLEDGE and Eldre married about 1928.⁹ James and Eldre were noted as having married 2 years before in the 1930 Census. **Eldre** was born about 1908 in VA.⁹

25. **Clara Belle BLACKLEDGE** was born about 1924 in NC.⁹

Clara Belle BLACKLEDGE and Willie HARRIS married.³⁰ **Willie HARRIS** was born about 1919 in VA.³⁰

31. **Hazel BLACKLEDGE** was born on 17 Jun 1930 in Craven Co, NC.³² The death certificate for Hazel Blackledge Ford (informant - Mrs. Irene E. Wilson) said she was the daughter of Eddie Blackledge and Estelle Smith. She died of injuries received from a severe beating with a club on 17 Jun 1968 in New Bern, Craven Co, NC.³² She was buried on 23 Jun 1968 in Evergreen Cemetery, New Bern, Craven Co, NC.³²

Hazel BLACKLEDGE and Eddie FORD Jr. married.³² **Eddie FORD Jr.**

38. **Clara Mae BLACKLEDGE** was born on 2 Dec 1936 in New Bern, Craven Co, NC.^{4,18,19,30} She died on 5 Oct 2003 in New Bern, Craven Co, NC.^{4,18,19,37} She was buried in Evergreen Cemetery, New Bern, Craven Co, NC.³⁷

Clara Mae BLACKLEDGE and Norman BROTHERS married.^{18,37} They were divorced.¹⁸ **Norman BROTHERS**^{18,37}. Clara Mae BLACKLEDGE and Norman BROTHERS had the following children:

- 44 i. **Clarence BROTHERS** lived in West Palm Beach, FL, when his sister Minnie died in 2008.³⁹
- +45 ii. **Norman BROTHERS Jr.**, married Sheila³⁹.
- 46 iii. **Evelyn BROTHERS** was listed as Evelyn Brothers of St. George, SC, in her mother's obituary in 2003.³⁷ She was listed as Evelyn (Peter) Brothers of Summer-ton, SC, in her sister Minnie's obituary in 2008.³⁹
- +47 iv. **Minnie Rae BROTHERS**, born on 6 May 1953, New Bern, Craven Co, NC³⁹; married Fred MURRAY³⁹; died on 23 Mar 2008, Charleston, Charleston Co, SC³⁹.
- 48 v. **Norma Ruth BROTHERS** was listed as Norma Ruth Brothers of West Palm Beach, FL in her sister Minnie's obituary in 2008.³⁹

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- +49 vi. **Shirley BROTHERS**, married Levi BRITT³⁹.
- +50 vii. **Naomi BROTHERS**, married SMITH³⁷.
- 51 viii. **Alberta BROTHERS** was listed as Alberta Brothers of New Bern, NC, in her mother's obituary in 2003.³⁷ She was listed as Alberta (Larry) Brothers of Vanceburg, NC, in her sister Minnie's obituary in 2008.³⁹

40. **Bennie Lee BLACKLEDGE** was born on 19 Oct 1946 in New Bern, Craven Co, NC.⁴ She died on 19 Sep 2000 in New Bern, Craven Co, NC.⁴

Bennie Lee BLACKLEDGE had the following children:

- 52 i. **Riley BLACKLEDGE** was born on 4 May 1962 in New Bern, Craven Co, NC.⁴¹ His father was not listed on the death certificate. He died of bronchopneumonia and malnourishment on 15 May 1962 in Good Shepherd Hospital, New Bern, Craven Co, NC.⁴¹ He was buried on 16 May 1962 in Evergreen Cemetery, New Bern, Craven Co, NC.⁴¹

42. **David BLACKLEDGE** lived in Nashua, NH in 2003 and in 2008.^{37,39}

David BLACKLEDGE and Hilda married.³⁹ **Hilda**.

Fourth Generation

45. **Norman BROTHERS Jr.** was listed as Norman Brother Jr. of St. George, SC, in his mother's obituary in 2003.³⁷ He and his wife Sheila lived in Jacksonville, NC, when his sister Minnie died in 2008.³⁹

Norman BROTHERS Jr. and Sheila married.³⁹ **Sheila**.

47. **Minnie Rae BROTHERS** was born on 6 May 1953 in New Bern, Craven Co, NC.³⁹ She died after a brief illness at Trident Medical Center on 23 Mar 2008 in Charleston, Charleston Co, SC.³⁹ Her obituary said she was survived by her fiancé Talman Tyrone Chapman; daughters Peggy, Tahsha and Chiquita; grandsons Davon, Tyrek, Jonah, Jaelin and Jacobi; granddaughter Madison; five sisters, Norma Ruth Brothers, Shirley (Levi) Britt, Evelyn (Peter) Brothers, Namoi [sic] (Carl) Brothers, and Alberta (Larry) Brothers; two brothers, Clarence Brothers, and Norman (Shelia) Brothers; four aunts, Emma Davis, Alberta (David) Mewbern, Irene Ford, and Regina Kemp; and one uncle, David (Hilda) Blackledge. She was buried on 29 Mar 2008.³⁹

Minnie Rae BROTHERS and Fred MURRAY married.³⁹ **Fred MURRAY**. Minnie Rae BROTHERS and Fred MURRAY had the following children:

- +53 i. **Peggy MURRAY**, married Barry DAVIS³⁹.
- +54 ii. **Tahsha MURRAY**, married Gerald JARRETT³⁹.
- 55 iii. **Chiquita MURRAY** was called Chiquita (Will) Murray of RI in her mother's obituary in 2008.³⁹

49. **Shirley BROTHERS** was listed as Shirley (Levi) Britt of Summerville, SC in her sister Minnie's

obituary in 2008.³⁹

Shirley BROTHERS and Levi BRITT married.³⁹ **Levi BRITT.**

50. **Naomi BROTHERS** was listed as Namoi [sic] (Carl) Brothers of St. George, SC, in her sister Minnie's obituary in 2008.³⁹

Naomi BROTHERS and SMITH married.³⁷ **SMITH.**

Fifth Generation

53. **Peggy MURRAY** was called Peggy (Barry) Davis of Orangeburg, SC in her mother's obituary in 2008.³⁹

Peggy MURRAY and Barry DAVIS married.³⁹ **Barry DAVIS.**

54. **Tahsha MURRAY** was called Tahsha (Gerald) Jarrett of Orangeburg, SC in her mother's obituary in 2008.³⁹

Tahsha MURRAY and Gerald JARRETT married.³⁹ **Gerald JARRETT.**

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Descendants of Henry Blackledge

First Generation

1. **Henry BLACKLEDGE**¹ was listed as Henry Blackledge on his son Samuel's Freedman's Band record on 9 Jul 1870.¹

Hester ROUNTREE was born about 1830 in NC.² She was called Hester Rountree on her son Samuel's Freedman's Bank record on 9 Jul 1870.¹ She was called Hester Williams (50, widow, cook) in the census taken in 1880.² In that census, Hester (50) and her daughter Rachel Williams (10) were living with her son Samuel Blackledge. Henry BLACKLEDGE and Hester ROUNTREE had the following children:

- +2 i. **Samuel BLACKLEDGE**, born about 1850, New Bern, Craven Co, NC^{1,2}; married Jane.

Second Generation

2. **Samuel BLACKLEDGE** was born about 1850 in New Bern, Craven Co, NC.^{1,2} He was listed as Samuel Blackledge, 21 years old on his Freedman Bank record application #11654 on 9 Jul 1870.¹ The bank record showed him as born and brought up in New Bern, NC; son of Henry Blackledge and Hester Rountree; half-sister - Rachel [2 mos. is in parenthesis after her name; Rachel would be the daughter of Hester found in the 1880 Census]; light complexion; made candies for A. Near. Samuel made another application on 26 Sep 1870, but no additional information was noted on the Index record. A third application entry, #1980, said continued from #1904, said Samuel was born 12 Dec 1870 [sic], but that probably should have been 1850. Additional applications, #1982 on 17 Apr 1871, #2125 on 12 Jun 1871, #2266 on 28 Aug 1871, #2663 [missing], #2801 on 18 Apr 1872, #2947 on 29 Jun 1872, and #3120 on 20 Sep 1872, say continued from one of the previous applications and give no additional information.

He appeared in the census in 1880 in New Bern, Craven Co, NC. Samuel Blackledge [sic] (abt 30, mulatto, makes candy, was unemployed 12 months during the past year) and his wife Jane (24) were with children: Lula (9), Samuel (6), William H. (3) and Mary E. (4/12, born in Feb). Also in the household were Samuel's mother, Hester Williams (50, cook) and Rachel Williams (10). Rachel is listed as a daughter but is probably Hester's daughter. Found in his household in the 1880 census, in addition to his wife, Jane, and 4 children - Lulu, Samuel, William H., and Mary E.- were Hester Williams aged 50 and her daughter Rachel Williams aged 10.

Samuel BLACKLEDGE and Jane married. **Jane** was born about 1856 in NC.² Samuel BLACKLEDGE and Jane had the following children:

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- +3 i. **Lula BLACKLEDGE**, born about 1871, NC²; married BOONE³; died on 29 Sep 1913, Washington, Beaufort Co, NC³.
- +4 ii. **Samuel BLACKLEDGE Jr.**, born on 24 May 1873, NC^{2,4-7}; married Cornelia "Connie" PEARSON, on 26 Apr 1894^{4,8-10}; died on 5 Mar 1963, Good Shepherd Hospital, New Bern, Craven Co, NC^{6,7}.
- 5 iii. **William H. BLACKLEDGE** was born on 3 Jun 1875 in NC.^{2,7} He died on 9 May 1905.⁷ He was buried in Greenwood Cemetery, New Bern, Craven Co, NC.⁷
- 6 iv. **Mary E. BLACKLEDGE** was born in Feb 1880 in NC.²
- +7 v. **Simon BLACKLEDGE**, born on 21 Jul 1889, New Bern, Craven Co, NC^{4,9}; married Maude¹¹.

Third Generation

3. **Lula BLACKLEDGE** was born about 1871 in NC.² She died on 29 Sep 1913 in Washington, Beaufort Co, NC.³ The death certificate that stated her father was Sam Blackledge and mother unknown noted that she had epilepsy but the doctor did not know what was the cause of death. Wm. Boone was the informant for the death certificate. She was buried on 30 Sep 1913 in Cedar Hill Cemetery, NC.³

Lula BLACKLEDGE and BOONE married.³ **BOONE**.

4. **Samuel BLACKLEDGE Jr.** was born on 24 May 1873 in NC.^{2,4-7} His death certificate and his Find A Grave Memorial say 24 May 1874, and the 1900 Census said Jun 1874, but he gave his birth year as 1873 on his WW I draft form. His wife Cornelia Blackledge was the informant for his death certificate which says his father is Samuel Blackledge Sr. and his mother is unknown. He appeared in the census in 1900 in New Bern, Craven Co, NC. Samuel Blackledge (25, born in Jun 1874, married for 6 years, candy maker, unemployed for 12 months) and his wife Cornelia (22, born in Sep 1877, married 6 years, mother of 4 children with 2 still living) were with their daughter Carrie (5, born in Feb 1895), daughter Willie (1, born in Dec 1898), brother Simon (17, born in Jul 1882, delivery wagon driver), and lodger James Williams (28, born in Apr 1875, saw mill laborer).

He appeared in the census in 1910 in New Bern, Craven Co, NC. Samuel Blackledge (36, married 1 time for 15 years, bottler for Pepsi Cola) and his wife Cornelia (29, married 1 time for 15 years, mother of 3 [sic] children with 3 living) are with their surviving children: Carry [sic] (14), Willie (11 [incorrectly listed as a son]), and Samuel (5). He was a butler for L. J. Taylor when he registered for the draft in New Bern, Craven Co, NC on 12 Sep 1918.⁴ Samuel listed his wife Cornelia Blackledge as his nearest relative on the draft form. He appeared in the census in 1920 in New Bern, Craven Co, NC. Living with Samuel Blackledge (34, married, bottler for a bottling company) and his wife Cornelia (30), are their daughter Carrie Houston (23) and her husband William Houston (25, shoe maker in a shoe shop) and their daughter Helen Houston (1); daughter Willie Blackledge (20, public school teacher); son Samuel Blackledge (15, no occupation); and daughter [sic] Talmadge Blackledge (1).

He appeared in the census in 1930 in New Bern, Craven Co, NC. Samuel Blackledge (55, laborer in a bottle plant) and his wife Cornelia (45) had children Willie (daughter, 30, single, public school teacher) and George (11) living with them. He died of bronchopneumonia due to influenza on 5 Mar 1963 in Good Shepherd Hospital, New Bern, Craven Co, NC.^{6,7} He was buried on 9 Mar 1963 in Greenwood Cemetery, New Bern, Craven Co, NC.^{6,7}

Samuel BLACKLEDGE Jr. and Cornelia "Connie" PEARSON married on 26 Apr 1894.^{4,8-10} A notice on 19 May 1894 in *"The Gazette"* in Raleigh, NC said [with spellings as found] *"Mr. Samuel Blackledge, one*

of Newberne's best young men, led to the matrimonial alter, Miss Cornelia Person, one of Newberne's fairest girls, on Thursday night, April 26th. Your correspondent officiated; marriage took place at the Presbyterian Church, of which both were members." The 1900 Census said Samuel and Cornelia had been married 6 years. **Cornelia "Connie" PEARSON** (daughter of Daniel PEARSON and Hannah FULCHER) was born on 15 Sep 1878 in Craven Co, NC.^{5,7-9} That was the date shown on Cornelia's death certificate, however, the 1900 Census showed her born in Sep 1877, and she was 45 in the 1930 Census which would make her born abt 1885. She died of arteriosclerotic heart disease on 12 Nov 1959 in New Bern, Craven Co, NC.⁸ She was buried on 15 Nov 1959 in Greenwood Cemetery, New Bern, Craven Co, NC.^{7,8} Cornelia's Find A Grave Memorial says no headstone could be found, but said she was born 28 Sep 1877 and died 12 Nov 1959. Samuel BLACKLEDGE Jr. and Cornelia "Connie" PEARSON had the following children:

- 8 i. <child> **BLACKLEDGE** died before 5 Jun 1900.⁹ The 1900 Census said the mother had given birth to 4 children with 2 still living. This would be one of the 2 children that had died.
- +9 ii. **Carrie BLACKLEDGE**, born on 14 Feb 1896, New Bern, Craven Co, NC^{9,12}; married William HOUSTON¹¹; married LLOYD¹²; died on 23 Apr 1991, New Bern, Craven Co, NC¹².
- 10 iii. <child> **BLACKLEDGE** died before 5 Jun 1900.⁹ The 1900 Census said the mother had given birth to 4 children with 2 still living. This would be one of the 2 children that had died.
- +11 iv. **Willie Gladys BLACKLEDGE**, born on 5 Dec 1899, New Bern, Craven Co, NC^{5,9,13}; married S. H. MUMFORD¹³; died on 24 Nov 1959, New Bern, Craven Co, NC¹³.
- 12 v. **Samuel BLACKLEDGE** was born on 15 Dec 1904 in New Bern, Craven Co, NC.^{14,15} He was single and was a shoe maker with his father when he died in 1925.¹⁴ He died of pernicious malarial fever on 13 Sep 1925 in New Bern, Craven Co, NC.¹⁴ He was buried on 15 Sep 1925 in Greenwood Cemetery, New Bern, Craven Co, NC.¹⁴
- 13 vi. **Annie BLACKLEDGE** was born on 3 Sep 1909 in NC.¹⁶ She died of lobar pneumonia on 17 Nov 1909 in New Bern, Craven Co, NC.¹⁶ She was buried on 17 Nov 1909 in Greenwood Cemetery, New Bern, Craven Co, NC.¹⁶
- 14 vii. **Charles Thomas BLACKLEDGE** was born on 3 Sep 1909 in NC.¹⁷ Charles' parents were listed as Samuel Blackledge and Connie Pearson on his death certificate with Connie Pearson being the informant. He died of bronchopneumonia on 4 Nov 1909 in New Bern, Craven Co, NC.¹⁷ He was buried on 5 Nov 1909 in Greenwood Cemetery, New Bern, Craven Co, NC.¹⁷
- 15 viii. **Dr. George Talmage BLACKLEDGE** was born on 6 Jan 1919 in NC.¹⁸ George is erroneously recorded as a female in the 1920 Census. He graduated about 1984 from Tuskegee University, Macon Co, AL.¹⁹ Dr. George T. Blackledge received the doctor of veterinary medicine (D.V.M.) degree and later served as instructor, assistant professor, professor, and head of the Small Animal Clinic there. He died on 20 Jun 2003.¹⁸ The SSDI said his last residence was the Tuskegee Institute, Macon Co, AL.

7. **Simon BLACKLEDGE** was born on 21 Jul 1889 in New Bern, Craven Co, NC.^{4,9} That was the date on his WW I draft form, however, the 1900 Census gave his birthdate as Jul 1882. He was married and had a child, and lived in Providence, RI when he registered for the draft in Providence, Providence Co, RI on 5 Jun 1917.⁴ His draft form also noted that he was a fireman and laborer and had a physical disability, but did not specify what it was. He appeared in the census in 1920 in Providence, Providence Co, RI.

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Simon Blacklige [sic] (32, mulatto, he and both parents born in NC, cook in a club) was with his wife Maude Blacklidge (35, mulatto, she and her father born in RI, mother born in the U.S.), his son Haywood L. Blacklidge (17, mulatto, he and his father born in NC, mother born in the U.S., machinist in a wire-works shop), and Simon's nephew Frank Peterson (21, mulatto, born in MA, father born in U.S. and mother in NC, porter in a library).

Simon BLACKLEDGE and Maude married.¹¹ **Maude** was born about 1885 in RI.¹¹ She may not be the mother of Hayward – more research is needed. Simon BLACKLEDGE and Maude had the following children:

- +16 i. **Hayward Sylvester BLACKLEDGE Sr.**, born on 11 Jan 1901, NC^{18,20}; married Georgiana N. MORRIS, on 22 Nov 1922, Providence, Providence Co, RI^{5,21}; married Vera O. FOREMAN, Cuyahoga Co, OH²²; married Georgia L., on 14 Oct 1980, Cuyahoga Co, OH^{22,23}; died on 9 Mar 1990, Mt. Sinai Medical Center, Cleveland, Cuyahoga Co, OH²⁰.

Fourth Generation

9. **Carrie BLACKLEDGE** was born on 14 Feb 1896 in New Bern, Craven Co, NC.^{9,12} That was the date on her death record, however, the 1900 Census gave her birthdate as Feb 1895. She died on 23 Apr 1991 in New Bern, Craven Co, NC.¹² Her death record entry said she was Carrie Blackledge Lloyd; born 14 Feb 1896 in New Bern, NC; died 23 Apr 1991 in New Bern, Craven Co, NC; daughter of Samuel Blackledge and Carnelia [sic] Pearson; widowed, housewife, black.

Carrie BLACKLEDGE and William HOUSTON married.¹¹ **William HOUSTON** was born about 1895 in NC.¹¹ Carrie BLACKLEDGE and William HOUSTON had the following children:

- 17 i. **Helen HOUSTON** was born about 1919 in NC.¹¹

Carrie BLACKLEDGE and LLOYD married.¹² **LLOYD**.

11. **Willie Gladys BLACKLEDGE** was born on 5 Dec 1899 in New Bern, Craven Co, NC.^{5,9,13} That was the date on her death certificate, however, the 1900 Census showed her born in Dec 1898. She was living with her parents and listed as a public school teacher in the census taken in New Bern, Craven Co, NC in 1930.⁵ She was widowed and a public school teacher when she died in 1959.¹³ She died at Good Shepherd Hospital of an intestinal obstruction due to cancer of the ileum on 24 Nov 1959 in New Bern, Craven Co, NC.¹³ She was buried on 28 Nov 1959 in Greenwood Cemetery, New Bern, Craven Co, NC.¹³

Willie Gladys BLACKLEDGE and S. H. MUMFORD married.¹³ **S. H. MUMFORD**.

16. **Hayward Sylvester BLACKLEDGE Sr.** was born on 11 Jan 1901 in NC.^{18,20} Ohio Deaths gave his birthdate as 11 Jan 1901 and the SSDI gave his birth year as 1902. He appeared in the census in 1910 in Craven Co, NC. Hayward Blackledge (8) was listed as a cousin in the household of Bettie Coleman (47, widow, laundress). He appeared in the census in 1930 in East Providence, Providence Co, RI. Hayward S. Blackledge (28, shipping clerk for an oil company) and his wife Georgiana M. (32) are with their children Clara M. (6) and Hayward Jr. (5). He appeared in the census in 1940 in Providence, Providence Co,

RI. Hayward Blackledge (52, Negro, born in RI [sic], completed one year of high school, road construction laborer) was with his wife Georgianna (49, Negro, born in RI, completed 8 years of schooling, does nurse work in a private home). He died on 9 Mar 1990 in Mt. Sinai Medical Center, Cleveland, Cuyahoga Co, OH.²⁰ He lived in Shaker Heights, Cuyahoga Co, OH in 1990.²⁰

Hayward Sylvester BLACKLEDGE Sr. and Georgiana N. MORRIS married on 22 Nov 1922 in Providence, Providence Co, RI.^{5,21} **Georgiana N. MORRIS** was born about 1898 in RI.⁵ Hayward Sylvester BLACKLEDGE Sr. and Georgiana N. MORRIS had the following children:

- +18 i. **Claire Marietta BLACKLEDGE**, born on 26 May 1923, Providence, Providence Co, RI^{5,18,21,24,25}; married George Carroll BENTLEY²⁶; died on 25 Jan 1984, Providence, Providence Co, RI^{18,24,25}.
- +19 ii. **Hayward Sylvester BLACKLEDGE Jr.**, born on 15 Dec 1924, RI^{5,18,24}; married Nellie Pearl SIMPSON, in 1944, St. Lucie Co, FL²⁷; married <unknown>; died on 11 Oct 1993^{18,24}.

Hayward Sylvester BLACKLEDGE Sr. and Vera O. FOREMAN married in Cuyahoga Co, OH.²² **Vera O. FOREMAN** was born on 23 Nov 1909 in GA.^{18,28} She died in St. Luke's Hospital on 15 Sep 1979 in Cleveland, Cuyahoga Co, OH.^{18,28}

Hayward Sylvester BLACKLEDGE Sr. and Georgia L. married on 14 Oct 1980 in Cuyahoga Co, OH.^{22,23} Hayward S. Blackledge and Georgia L. Cochran had each been married twice. **Georgia L.** was born about 1925.²³ She previously married Earl Cochran abt 1952 and they divorced after 21 years of marriage in Cleveland, Cuyahoga Co, OH on 19 Mar 1973.²⁹ She later, after Hayward died, married James R. Adams in Cuyahoga Co, OH on 8 Feb 1991.²³ Georgia L. Blackledge, 65, had been married 3 times before and James R. Adams, 61, had been married 2 times before.

Fifth Generation

18. **Claire Marietta BLACKLEDGE**¹⁸ was born on 26 May 1923 in Providence, Providence Co, RI.^{5,18,21,24,25} The Bentley Family Tree said Claire was born on the 24th. She was listed as Clara M. on the 1930 Census. She died on 25 Jan 1984 in Providence, Providence Co, RI.^{18,24,25} Just prior to her death, she resided in East Providence, Providence Co, RI. She was buried in Swan Point Cemetery, Providence, RI.³⁰

Claire Marietta BLACKLEDGE and George Carroll BENTLEY married.²⁶ **George Carroll BENTLEY** was born on 6 Dec 1920 in Providence, Providence Co, RI.²⁵ He was a driver and he and Claire lived in East Providence, Providence Co, RI in 1963.²⁶ He died on 20 Oct 1979 in Providence, Providence Co, RI.²⁵ He was buried in Swan Point Cemetery, Providence, RI.²⁴ Claire Marietta BLACKLEDGE and George Carroll BENTLEY had the following children:

- +20 i. <son> **BENTLEY**, married MAHONEY²⁵.

19. **Hayward Sylvester BLACKLEDGE Jr.** was born on 15 Dec 1924 in RI.^{5,18,24} He appeared in the census in 1930 in East Providence, Providence Co, RI. Hayward S. Blackledge, Jr. is listed with his parents and his sister Clara [sic]. He and his wife Nellie are listed together in numerous city directories in Providence, Providence Co, RI from 1947 to 1964.³¹ In those directories, Hayward was shown as a stock

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man at Fredleys, a clerk at B. Cutler Associates, and a mail handler with the Post Office. He died on 11 Oct 1993.^{18,24} That was the date on the cemetery transcript record, however, the SSDI said he died 15 Oct 1993. He was buried in Rhode Island Veterans Cemetery, Exeter, RI.^{21,24} He played the cornet in the Army Band during WW II.³²

Hayward Sylvester BLACKLEDGE Jr. and Nellie Pearl SIMPSON married in 1944 in St. Lucie Co, FL.²⁷ **Nellie Pearl SIMPSON** (daughter of SIMPSON and Willie Mae) was born on 4 Jul 1925 in SC.^{18,33,34} She was issued a Social Security number in FL before 1951.¹⁸ She was the daughter of Mrs. Willie Mae Simpson who lived in Fort Pierce, St. Lucie Co, FL in 1954.^{34,35} A newspaper article in the *New-Tribune* of Fort Pierce, FL dated 15 Aug 1954 stated that Mrs. Willie Mae Simpson was at home there from Providence, RI where she had visited her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Hayward Blackledge and that she was accompanied by a granddaughter, Sandra, of Providence, RI. Sandra would be Alexandra "Sandra" Blackledge, Hayward's daughter. She died in Jun 1985.¹⁸ She was later married to Dr. Ralph Turner who lived in Gaithersburg, MD, when her son Hayward III died in 2008.³⁶ Hayward Sylvester BLACKLEDGE Jr. and Nellie Pearl SIMPSON had the following children:

- +21 i. **Hayward Sylvester BLACKLEDGE III**, born on 23 Nov 1951¹⁸; married Angela HARDIE-BLACKLEDGE³⁶; died on 18 Sep 2008, Massachusetts General Hospital^{18,32,36}.
- +22 ii. **Alexandra "Sandra" BLACKLEDGE**, married JOHNSON³⁶.
- 23 iii. **Suzanne BLACKLEDGE**³⁶.

Hayward Sylvester BLACKLEDGE Jr. and <unknown> married. <unknown> would be the wife of Dr. Ralph Turner listed as the step-father of Hayward III in his obituary in 2008.³⁶ However, research is required to prove that this marriage took place and to determine her name.

Sixth Generation

20. <son> BENTLEY²⁵.

<son> BENTLEY and MAHONEY married.²⁵ **MAHONEY**. <son> BENTLEY and MAHONEY had the following children:

- 24 i. <son> BENTLEY²⁵.
- 25 ii. <son> BENTLEY²⁵.

21. **Hayward Sylvester BLACKLEDGE III** was born on 23 Nov 1951.¹⁸ He died of complications of diabetes on 18 Sep 2008 in Massachusetts General Hospital.^{18,32,36} He was buried on 24 Sep 2008 in Forest Hills Cemetery, Boston, MA. Burial followed a Mass of Christian Burial at Our Lady Help of Christians Church in Newton, MA. He lived in Newton, MA and Boca Raton, FL, when he died, however, he was formerly from Providence, RI.^{32,36} He was a professional jazz drummer, political activist, and paralegal.^{36,37} He was a member of Soul Sounds and had worked with Patti LaBelle. Hayward also taught at Bentley College and Harvard extension classes.

Hayward Sylvester BLACKLEDGE III and Angela HARDIE-BLACKLEDGE married.³⁶ **Angela HARDIE-BLACKLEDGE**.

22. Alexandra "Sandra" BLACKLEDGE³⁶.

Alexandra "Sandra" BLACKLEDGE and JOHNSON married.³⁶ JOHNSON.

Sources for Report: Descendants of Henry Blackledge

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Descendants of Margaret Blackledge

First Generation

1. **Margaret BLACKLEDGE** was born about 1829 in NC.¹

Margaret BLACKLEDGE and Joseph HARGETT married.¹ **Joseph HARGETT** was born about 1818 in NC.¹ He appeared in the census in 1870 in New Bern, Craven Co, NC. Margaret Hargett (41) and her husband Joseph Hargett (52, lumberman) have their daughters Amy (12) and Dianna living with them. Also with them is Alpha Chase (62, no occupation). All are Black and born in NC. Amy and Dianna were marked as attending school the past year, but cannot read or write. Margaret BLACKLEDGE and Joseph HARGETT had the following children:

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| +2 | i. Harriette HARGETT , born on 1 Nov 1850, NC ^{2,3} ; married Edward SMALLWOOD, about 1870 ^{3,4} ; died on 10 Feb 1911, New Bern, Craven Co, NC ² . |
| +3 | ii. Amy HARGETT , born about 1858, NC ¹ . |
| 4 | iii. Dianna HARGETT was born about 1859 in NC. ¹ |

Second Generation

2. **Harriette HARGETT** was born on 1 Nov 1850 in NC.^{2,3} That was the date on her death certificate, however the 1900 Census said Mar 1841 and 49 years old. But, if she was born in 1841, then she would have been 59 years old in 1900. She died of valvular heart disease and secondary nephritis on 10 Feb 1911 in New Bern, Craven Co, NC.² Harrette's [sic] death certificate [informant was Edward Smallwood, her husband] shows that she was a domestic worker and her parents were Joseph Hargett and Margarete [sic] Blackledge, both born in NC. She was buried on 12 Feb 1911 in Greenwood Cemetery, New Bern,

Craven Co, NC.²

Harriette HARGETT and Edward SMALLWOOD married about 1870.^{3,4} **Edward SMALLWOOD** was born in Jan 1845 in NC.^{3,4} He appeared in the census in 1880 in Craven Co, NC. Edward Smallwood (35, laborer) and his wife Hariett (30, keeping house) have their son Charles Smallwood (5), daughter Susan Smallwood (7), Hariett's sister Amy Harget (24, laundry worker), and niece [Amy's daughter?] Elizabeth Harget (1) living with them. All were Black and born in NC. He appeared in the census in 1900 in New Bern, Craven Co, NC. Edward Smallwood (55, married 30 years, fireman at a mill) and his wife Harriet [sic] (49, married 30 years, dressmaker) have their son Charles E. Smallwood (23, single, waiter in a hotel), a boarder Martha Heath (70, widow), cousin Henrietta Whidby (60, widow, nurse), and Edward's sister Martha Jones (70, widow, no occupation given) living with them. Harriette HARGETT and Edward SMALLWOOD had the following children:

- 5 i. **Susan SMALLWOOD** was born about 1873 in NC.⁴
- 6 ii. **Charles E. SMALLWOOD** was born in Apr 1877 in NC.^{3,4}

3. **Amy HARGETT** was born about 1858 in NC.¹

Amy HARGETT had the following children:

- 7 i. **Elizabeth HARGETT** was born about 1879 in NC.⁴

Sources for Report: Descendants of Margaret Blackledge

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2. Death Certificate for Harrette A. Smallwood, State of North Carolina, State Board of Health, #175.
3. 1900 Federal Census.
4. 1880 Federal Census.

Descendants of Mary E. Blackledge

First Generation

1. **Mary E. BLACKLEDGE**¹.

Samuel DUDLEY¹. Mary E. BLACKLEDGE and Samuel DUDLEY had the following children:

- +2 i. **Annie E. DUDLEY**, born on 25 Sep 1892, Harlowe, Craven Co, NC¹; married Robert A. FENNER²; died on 20 Dec 1948, North Harlowe, Craven Co, NC¹.

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Second Generation

2. **Annie E. DUDLEY** was born on 25 Sep 1892 in Harlowe, Craven Co, NC.¹ Annie's death record said her parents were Samuel Dudley and Mary E. Blackledge. She died on 20 Dec 1948 in North Harlowe, Craven Co, NC.¹ She was buried on 26 Dec 1948 in North Harlowe, Craven Co, NC.¹

Annie E. DUDLEY and Robert A. FENNER married.² **Robert A. FENNER** was born on 30 Apr 1877 in North Harlowe, Craven Co, NC.² He appeared in the census in 1910 in Craven Co, NC. Robert Fenner (35, married once for 5 years, wood cutter for the railroad) and his wife Annie E. (21, married once for 5 years, mother of 4 with 4 still living) were with their daughter Addie (5), son Raymond (3), son Ervin (1), son Eva (1), and niece Oddie Fenner (19). All were born in NC. He appeared in the census in 1920 in Craven Co, NC. Robert Fenner Sr. (48, farmer) and his wife Annie E. (32) were with their children: Addie (15), Raymond (13, road work laborer), son Eva (10), son Irvin (10, daughter Mamie (4-1/12), and Earl F. (4/12).

He appeared in the census in 1930 in Craven Co, NC. Robt. Fenner Sr. (53, married at age 28, farmer) and his wife Annie (42, married at age 16) were with their children: Addie (24), Raymond (22, farm laborer), Ervin (20), Ebie (20), Mamie (15), Laura M. (13), Pearl M. (7), Mary (2), and Annie (2). He appeared in the census in 1940 in Craven Co, NC. Robert Fenner Sr. (63, completed 4 years of school, farmer) and his wife Annie (49, completed 4 years of school) were with their children: Laura (19, completed 6 years of school), Pearl M. (16, completed 6 years of school), Annie E. (12, completed 3 years of school), Mary E. (12, completed 3 years of school), and Mildred (7, completed 1 year of school). He died of mitral heart lesion and myocarditis on 13 Sep 1945 in North Harlowe, Craven Co, NC.² He was buried on 16 Sep 1945 in Piney Grove Cemetery, North Harlowe, Craven Co, NC.² Annie E. DUDLEY and Robert A. FENNER had the following children:

- 3 i. **Addie FENNER** was born abt 191905 in NC.³
- 4 ii. **Raymond FENNER** was born about 1907 in NC.³
- 5 iii. **Ervin FENNER** was born about 1909 in NC.³
- 6 iv. **Eva/Ebie FENNER** was born about 1909 in NC.³
- 7 v. **Laura Mamie FENNER** was born about 1915 in NC.^{4,5} She was Mamie in the 1920 Census and Laura M. in the 1930 Census.
- 8 vi. **Earl F. FENNER** was born in 1919 in NC.⁴
- 9 vii. **Pearlie M. FENNER** was born about 1923 in NC.⁵
- 10 viii. **Mary FENNER** was born about 1928 in NC.⁵
- +11 ix. **Annie FENNER**, born about 1928, NC⁵; married Cleveland JOHNSON⁶.
- 12 x. **Mildred FENNER** was born about 1933 in NC.⁷

Third Generation

11. **Annie FENNER** was born about 1928 in NC.⁵

Annie FENNER and Cleveland JOHNSON married.⁶ **Cleveland JOHNSON**. Annie FENNER and Cleveland JOHNSON had the following children:

- 13 i. <daughter> **JOHNSON**⁶.

Sources for Report: Descendants of Mary E. Blackledge

1. North Carolina Deaths and Burials, 1898-1994, FamilySearch.org.
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Descendants of Rachel Blackledge

First Generation

1. **Rachel BLACKLEDGE** was born about 1790 in NC.¹ Rachel's age was written as (85) in the 1880 Census, which is believed to mean it was estimated. She is also shown as a widow, but it is not known if Blackledge is her married name, maiden name, or an assumed maiden name.

Rachel BLACKLEDGE had the following children:

- +2 i. **Eliza BLACKLEDGE**, born about 1822, NC¹.

Second Generation

2. **Eliza BLACKLEDGE** was born about 1822 in NC.¹

BONNER. Eliza BLACKLEDGE and BONNER had the following children:

- +3 i. **Winsor BONNER**, born about 1853, NC¹.

Samuel MOYE was born in Beaufort Co, NC.² Eliza BLACKLEDGE and Samuel MOYE had the following children:

- +4 i. **Holland MOYE**, born about 1855, NC^{1,2}; died on 5 Dec 1932, James City, Craven Co, NC².

Third Generation

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3. **Winsor BONNER** was born about 1853 in NC.¹ He appeared in the census in 1870 in Wildwood, Craven Co, NC. This family is headed by Elijah Mouy [sic] (51, farm laborer) and consists of Winsor Bonner (22, common laborer), Holland Mouy (16, farm laborer), and Judy Mouy (15, farm laborer). No relationships are shown on the 1870 Census, and it is not known how Elijah Mouy fits into the family, not is it known who Judy Mouy is. He appeared in the census in 1880 in James City, Craven Co, NC. Winsor Bonner (27, widower, shingle maker, has rheumatism) is head of a household consisting of his mother, Eliza Moye (abt 58, farm laborer, has jaundice), his sister Holland Moye (25, single, farm laborer), his grandmother Rachel Blackledge (abt 85, farm laborer), his daughter Mary E. Bonner (6), his son Winsor Bonner (5), and his niece Julia F. Moye (4).

Winsor BONNER had the following children:

- 5 i. **Mary E. BONNER** was born about 1874 in NC.¹
- 6 ii. **Winsor BONNER** was born about 1875 in NC.¹

4. **Holland MOYE** was born about 1855 in NC.^{1,2} That would be her birthdate according to the 1880 Census when she was 25 years old, however, her death certificate said she was just 62 years old and born on 29 Nov 1870. She died of mitral regurgitation [heart disease] on 5 Dec 1932 in James City, Craven Co, NC.² The death certificate for Holland Moye [Samuel Moye of James City, informant] said that she was the daughter of Samuel Moye and Eliza Blackledge, both born in Beaufort Co, NC; the spouse of Samuel Moye; a widow; was a domestic worker; was born in Beaufort Co, NC,; and lived in James City, Craven Co, NC. She was buried on 7 Dec 1932 in James City, Craven Co, NC.²

Samuel MOYE. Holland MOYE and Samuel MOYE had the following children:

- 7 i. **Julia F. MOYE** was born about 1876 in NC.¹ It still needs to be proved that Julia is Holland's daughter.
- +8 ii. **John H. MOYE**, born about 1892, NC³; married Patience³.

Fourth Generation

8. **John H. MOYE** was born about 1892 in NC.³ He appeared in the census in 1920 in Brownsville, Craven Co, NC. John H. Moye [indexed on Ancestry.com as Mage] (28, laborer) is head of the household consisting of his wife Patience [indexed as Prudence] (25), daughter Alvania (11), son John H. (8), and mother Holland Moye (60).

John H. MOYE and Patience married.³ **Patience** was born about 1895 in NC.³ John H. MOYE and Patience had the following children:

- 9 i. **Alvania MOYE** was born about 1909 in NC.³
- 10 ii. **John H. MOYE Jr.** was born about 1912 in NC.³

Sources for Report: Descendants of Rachel Blackledge

1. 1880 Federal Census.

2. North Carolina Death Certificates, 1909-1975, Ancestry.com.
3. 1920 Federal Census.

North Carolina – New Hanover Co

Descendants of C. Blackledge

First Generation

1. **C. BLACKLEDGE** was born about 1805 in NC.¹ He appeared in the census in 1880 in Federal Point Twp, New Hanover Co, NC. C. Blacklige [sic] (75, farmer) and his wife Allie (60) are listed in the house immediately after his presumed son C. [Caesar] Blacklige [sic].

C. BLACKLEDGE and Allie married.¹ **Allie** was born about 1820 in NC.¹ C. BLACKLEDGE and Allie had the following children:

- +2 i. **Caesar BLACKLEDGE**, born in Feb 1850, NC^{2,3}.

Second Generation

2. **Caesar BLACKLEDGE** was born in Feb 1850 in NC.^{2,3} That is the date shown in the 1900 Census when Caesar was 50 years old, but he was only 53 in the 1910 Census. He appeared in the census in 1880 in Federal Point Twp, New Hanover Co, NC. C. Blacklige [sic] (28, laborer) and his wife Emmer (25) are with their sons, Thomas (8), Willie (3), and Charles (1). All are Black and born in NC. C. and Emmer cannot read or write. Listed immediately following them are C. Blacklige (75, farmer) and his wife Allie (60) who are presumed to be parents of the former C. Blacklige. He appeared in the census in 1900 in Federal Point Twp, New Hanover Co, NC. Caesar Blackledge (50, born Feb 1850 in NC, married the first time at age 28, farm laborer) and his wife Emma (45, born Aug 1854, married the first time at age 28 in NC, mother of 17 children with 7 still living) are with children: Harrison (17, born Dec 1882 in NC, farm laborer), Henry (15, born Jul 1889 in NC, at school), and Lizzie (7, born Aug 1892 in NC). He appeared in the census in 1910 in Federal Point Twp, New Hanover Co, NC. Caesar Blackledge (53, laborer doing odd jobs, reads and writes) was listed alone, but shown as married for 35 years.

Emma/Emily JAMES⁴ was born in Aug 1854 in NC.³ She was called Emily Blackledge on her daughter Emily's death certificate; Emma on son Harrison's form.⁴⁻⁶ But, on her son Henry's death certificate she was merely listed as James. It is still not certain that Emily and Emma were the same person. Caesar BLACKLEDGE and Emma/Emily JAMES had the following children:

- +3 i. **Emily BLACKLEDGE**, born about 1848, Brunswick Co, NC⁵; married LEE⁵; died on 7 Nov 1914, Wilmington, New Hanover Co, NC⁵.

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- +4 ii. **John Thomas BLACKLEDGE**, born in Mar 1872, Myrtle Grove Sound, NC^{2,3,7-9}; married Isabelle MACK, about 1895^{2,7}.
- +5 iii. **William BLACKLEDGE**, born in Mar 1878, NC³; married Susie E. HUSTON, in 1900, Philadelphia, Philadelphia Co, PA¹⁰.
- +6 iv. **Charles Henry BLACKLEDGE**, born on 27 Jan 1879^{3,11}; married Florence PHILLIPS, in 1908, Philadelphia, Philadelphia Co, PA^{2,10}.
- +7 v. **Harrison BLACKLEDGE**, born on 12 Dec 1882, Myrtle Grove Sound, NC^{3,6,11}; married Amy MOORE^{6,11,12}; died on 7 Feb 1948, New Hanover Co, NC, near Federal Point⁶.
- 8 vi. **Henry N. BLACKLEDGE** was born on 17 Oct 1888 in Myrtle Grove Sound, NC.^{3,4} That date was on his death certificate, but the 1900 Census showed him born in Jul 1889. Harrison Blackledge of Myrtle Grove Sound, NC, was the informant for Henry's death certificate which stated that his father was Czas [sic] Blackledge and mother's maiden name was James, both born in New Hanover Co, NC. He died on 19 Jan 1915 in Wilmington, New Hanover Co, NC.⁴ He was buried on 20 Jan 1915 in Myrtle Grove Sound, NC.⁴
- 9 vii. **Lizzie BLACKLEDGE** was born in Aug 1892 in NC.³

Third Generation

3. **Emily BLACKLEDGE** was born about 1848 in Brunswick Co, NC.⁵ Emily's death certificate [John H. Lee, informer] named her parents as Ceasar [sic] and Emily Blackledge. She was widowed and worked as a cook when she died in 1914.⁵ She died of multiple neuritis and general exhaustion on 7 Nov 1914 in Wilmington, New Hanover Co, NC.⁵ She was buried on 8 Nov 1914 in Pine Forest Cemetery, NC.⁵

Emily BLACKLEDGE and LEE married.⁵ **LEE**.

4. **John Thomas BLACKLEDGE** was born in Mar 1872 in Myrtle Grove Sound, NC.^{2,3,7-9} He was listed as J. T. Blackledge on his wife Isabelle's death certificate, Thomas Blackledge on his son Arthur's death certificate and the 1880 and 1910 Census records, and as John F. Blackledge on his son Harlee's death certificate. He appeared in the census in 1900 in Federal Point Twp, New Hanover Co, NC. Thomas Blackledge (28, married one time for 3 years, born in Mar 1872 in NC, farm laborer), his wife Isabella (23, married for 3 years, mother of one child with one child living), and their son Linwood (5/12, born in Dec 1899) are listed immediately before Casear and Emma Blackledge and their family. He appeared in the census in 1910 in Federal Point Twp, New Hanover Co, NC. Thomas Blackledge (39, married one time for 15 years, farmer) and his wife Isabelle (33, married one time for 15 years, mother of 3 children with all still living) were with their 3 sons: Leonard [probably Linwood] (10), Arthur (7), and Harlee [sic] (1-6/12).

He appeared in the census in 1920 in Federal Point Twp, New Hanover Co, NC. John T. Blackledge (45, black male, married, fishing) and his wife Ella I.[?] (41, mulatto female, does farm work) are with their children, James H. (22, mulatto male, fishing), Linwood R. (19, mulatto male, fishing), Arthur (15, mulatto male, fishing), Harlee (12, mulatto male, no occupation), and Ilia [?] B. (5, mulatto female, no occupation). All individuals as well as both parents were born in NC. Note: James H. (22) was listed as a son in this family, but he is probably James Henry Blackledge, son of James M. and Catherine Blackledge who are listed immediately before John T. and Ella Blackledge. He appeared in the census in 1930 in Federal Point Twp, New Hanover Co, NC. Listed immediately after James M. and Katherine [sic]

Blackledge, Thomas Blackledge (57, widower, fisherman) had 3 children living with him: Leonard (29, fisherman), Harlee (22, fisherman), and Ida B. (19).

John Thomas BLACKLEDGE and Isabelle MACK married about 1895.^{2,7} The 1910 Census showed Thomas and Isabelle were married 15 years. **Isabelle MACK** (daughter of John MACK) was born in Dec 1876 in Myrtle Grove Sound, NC.^{2,3,7} The 1900 Census gave her birthdate as Dec 1886, but she was 33 in the 1910 Census, 41 in the 1920 Census, and 50 on her death certificate in 1928 [no birthdate entered]. So, it is believed that the 1900 Census showed her birthyear as 10 years later than it was. She was called Isabelle McClanny on her son Linwood's death certificate, but Isabelle Mack on son Harlee's death certificate as well as her own death certificate. She died of chronic nephritis [kidney disease] on 2 Sep 1928 in J. W. M. Hospital, Wilmington, New Hanover Co, NC.⁸ She was buried on 3 Sep 1928 in Myrtle Grove Sound, NC.⁸ John Thomas BLACKLEDGE and Isabelle MACK had the following children:

- +10 i. **Linwood R. BLACKLEDGE**, born in Dec 1899, NC^{3,13}; married Lillian¹⁴; died on 4 Jul 1958, Winston-Salem, Forsyth Co, NC¹³.
- 11 ii. **Arthur BLACKLEDGE** was born on 13 May 1903 in Myrtle Grove Sound, NC.⁷ He died of an accidental self-inflicted gunshot wound to the forehead on 18 Sep 1922 in Myrtle Grove Sound, New Hanover Co, NC.⁷ He was buried on 19 Sep 1922 in Freeman Cemetery, Myrtle Grove Sound, NC.⁷
- 12 iii. **Harlee BLACKLEDGE** was born about 1908 in NC.^{2,9} He died from chronic gastritis caused by excessive alcoholic drinking on 9 May 1937 in Myrtle Grove Sound, Federal Point Twp, New Hanover Co, NC.⁹ He was buried on 9 May 1937 in Myrtle Grove Sound, Federal Point Twp, New Hanover Co, NC.⁹ He was single and a fisherman when he died in 1937.⁹
- 13 iv. **Ida B. BLACKLEDGE** was born about 1911 in NC.¹⁵ She is presumed to be the daughter named Ilia B. (5) [name difficult to read] in the 1920 Census.

5. **William BLACKLEDGE** was born in Mar 1878 in NC.³ He appeared in the census in 1900 in Philadelphia, Philadelphia Co, PA. William Blackledge (22, born in Mar 1878 in NC, waiter) and his brother Chas. Blackledge (21, born in Jan 1879 in NC, waiter) are boarders in the household of Damon and Ella Fisher. He appeared in the census in 1920 in Newark, Essex Co, NJ. William Blackledge (43, Black, born in NC, working in real estate) was with his wife Susie (42, born in DE) and daughter Grace E. Blackledge (5, born in PA). He appeared in the census in 1930 in Atlantic City, Atlantic Co, NJ. William Blackledge (52, married the first time at age 23, church minister) was with his wife Susie E. (49, married the first time at age 19), their daughter Grace M. [sic] (15), and sister-in-law Anna Peters (41, widow, married at age 21, born in DE, cook for a private family).

William BLACKLEDGE and Susie E. HUSTON married in 1900 in Philadelphia, Philadelphia Co, PA.¹⁰ **Susie E. HUSTON** was born about 1878 in DE.¹⁶ William BLACKLEDGE and Susie E. HUSTON had the following children:

- 14 i. **Grace E. BLACKLEDGE** was born about 1915 in PA.¹⁶

6. **Charles Henry BLACKLEDGE** was born on 27 Jan 1879.^{3,11} Charles' draft registration said he was born in 1878, but the 1900 Census said in 1879. He appeared in the census in 1900 in Philadelphia, Philadelphia Co, PA. Chas. Blackledge (21, born in Jan 1879 in NC, waiter) and his brother William Blackledge (22, born in Mar 1878 in NC, waiter) are boarders in the household of Damon and Ella Fisher. He appeared in the census in 1910 in Philadelphia, Philadelphia Co, PA. Charles H. Blackledge (32, married one time for two years, born in NC, porter for the railroad) was with his wife Florence (33, married a second time for two years, mother of two children with one still living, dressmaker), and [step] daughter

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Mabel Philipps (15, single) and boarder Marie Davis (14, single). He was a watchman when he registered for the draft in Philadelphia, PA on 12 Sep 1918.¹¹ On the form, Charles, living at 1534 S. 17th in Philadelphia, listed Mary E. Holline of Wilmington, NC, as his nearest relative.

Charles Henry BLACKLEDGE and Florence PHILLIPS married in 1908 in Philadelphia, Philadelphia Co, PA.^{2,10} The marriage index shows their names as Charles H. Blackledge and Florence Phillips. **Florence PHILLIPS** was born about 1877 in PA.² She was previously married and had a daughter, Mabel Philippe, who was born in PA about 1895.² The 1910 Census showed that Florence's marriage to Charles H. Blackledge was her second.

7. **Harrison BLACKLEDGE**¹⁷ was born on 12 Dec 1882 in Myrtle Grove Sound, NC.^{3,6,11} W. H. Blackledge of Myrtle Grove Sound, NC, was the informant for Harrison's death certificate which showed Ceasar [sic] Blackledge and Emma to be Harrison's parents. He was a fisherman who lived in Wilmington, NC when he registered for the WW I draft in Wilmington, New Hanover Co, NC on 12 Sep 1918.¹¹ Harrison listed his wife Amy Nancy Blackledge as his nearest relative. He appeared in the census in 1930 in Federal Point Twp, New Hanover Co, NC. Harrison Blackledge (49, married at age 23, fisherman who owned his own home valued at \$500) and his wife Ami [sic] N. (42, married at age 17) are with their unmarried children: Herbert (21, fisherman) and Lossie (20). He appeared in the census in 1940 in Federal Point Twp, New Hanover Co, NC. Harrison Blackledge (57, widower, completed grade 2, no occupation listed) was living by himself. He died of chronic nephritis (kidney disease) on 7 Feb 1948 in New Hanover Co, NC, near Federal Point.⁶ W. H. Blackledge of Myrtle Grove Sound, NC, was the informant on Harrison's death certificate. He was buried on 9 Feb 1948 in Freeman Cemetery, Myrtle Grove Sound, NC.⁶

Harrison BLACKLEDGE and Amy MOORE married.^{6,11,12} **Amy MOORE**¹⁷ (daughter of Claymon MOORE and Laura ROBINSON) was born about 1879 in Myrtle Grove, New Hanover Co, NC.¹² She died of aortic regurgitation on 10 Oct 1926 in Community Hospital, Wilmington, New Hanover Co, NC.¹² She was buried in Freeman Cemetery, Myrtle Grove Sound, NC.¹² Harrison BLACKLEDGE and Amy MOORE had the following children:

- +15 i. **William Herbert BLACKLEDGE**, born on 20 Oct 1908¹⁸; married Marion Victoria JONES¹⁹; married Lillian¹⁸; died on 29 Sep 1974, Wilmington, New Hanover Co, NC¹⁸.
- +16 ii. **Lossie McNeil BLACKLEDGE**, born on 27 Mar 1910, NC²⁰; married John JOHNSON²⁰; died on 30 Oct 1972, Wilmington, New Hanover Co, NC²⁰.
- 17 iii. **Virgil BLACKLEDGE** was born on 18 Feb 1918 in NC.^{17,21} Virgil's birth record said he was born on the 18th, however his death certificate said the 19th. He died of prematurity on 19 Feb 1918 in Federal Point Twp, New Hanover Co, NC.¹⁷ He was buried on 20 Feb 1918 in Freeman Cemetery, Myrtle Grove Sound, NC.¹⁷

Fourth Generation

10. **Linwood R. BLACKLEDGE**¹⁶ was born in Dec 1899 in NC.^{3,13} That is the date shown on the 1900 Census, however Linwood's death certificate said he was born 18 Dec 1903. His name was spelled Linwood in the 1900 Census, but Lynwood on his death certificate. Also, he would be the child in the family whose name looks like Leonard in the 1910 Census. He appeared in the census in 1940 in Winston-Salem, Forsyth Co, NC. Linwood Blackledge (39, completed 5 years of school, mechanic for a retail auto

supply business) and his wife Lillian (35, born in VA, completed 6 years of school, works in a tobacco factory) are lodgers in the household of William Mitchell. He was a widower who worked as a janitor in 1958.¹³ He died of alcoholism on 4 Jul 1958 in Winston-Salem, Forsyth Co, NC.¹³ He was buried on 8 Jul 1958 in Evergreen Cemetery, Winston-Salem, NC.¹³

Linwood R. BLACKLEDGE and Lillian married.¹⁴ **Lillian** was born about 1905 in VA.¹⁴

15. **William Herbert BLACKLEDGE** was born on 20 Oct 1908.¹⁸ William's death certificate listed his parents as Harrison Blackledge and Amy Moore, both deceased. He appeared in the census in 1940 in Federal Point Twp, New Hanover Co, NC. William Blackledge (31, Negro, completed grade 8, fisherman) was with his wife Marion (31, Negro, completed grade 8, cage operator). He died at New Hanover Memorial Hospital of a pulmonary embolus on 29 Sep 1974 in Wilmington, New Hanover Co, NC.¹⁸ He was buried in Oak Grove Cemetery, New Hanover Co, NC.¹⁸

William Herbert BLACKLEDGE and Marion Victoria JONES married.¹⁹ **Marion Victoria JONES** (daughter of Emory JONES and Christine LOFTON) was born on 18 Jul 1908 in Brunswick Co, NC.¹⁹ She died of acute nephritis (kidney disease) on 21 Sep 1944 in Community Hospital, Wilmington, New Hanover Co, NC.¹⁹ She was buried on 24 Sep 1944 in Freeman Cemetery, Myrtle Grove Sound, NC.¹⁹ William Herbert BLACKLEDGE and Marion Victoria JONES had the following children:

- +18 i. **William Randolph "Moose" BLACKLEDGE**, born on 2 Feb 1941, New Hanover Co, NC^{21,22}; married Virginia, in 1968²³; died on 25 Jul 2011, Chicago, Cook Co, IL²³.
- 19 ii. **Lillian Mercedes BLACKLEDGE** was born on 11 Jul 1942 in New Hanover Co, NC.²¹
- 20 iii. **Lois Annette BLACKLEDGE** was born on 4 Jun 1944 in New Hanover Co, NC.²¹

William Herbert BLACKLEDGE and Lillian married.¹⁸ **Lillian**¹⁸.

16. **Lossie McNeil BLACKLEDGE** was born on 27 Mar 1910 in NC.²⁰ She was a nurse's aide and lived in Union Co, NJ when she died in 1972.²⁰ She died of a cerebrovascular accident [stroke] on 30 Oct 1972 in Wilmington, New Hanover Co, NC.²⁰ She was buried on 5 Nov 1972 in Oak Grove Cemetery, Wilmington, New Hanover Co, NC.²⁰

Ernest WADE²¹. Lossie McNeil BLACKLEDGE and Ernest WADE had the following children:

- 21 i. **Thelma BLACKLEDGE** was born on 20 Aug 1927 in New Hanover Co, NC.²¹ The birth record shows Thelma's parents as Ernest Wade and Lassie [sic] Blackledge. She appeared in the census in 1930 in Federal Point, New Hanover Co, NC. Thelma Blackledge (2) is living with her [great] grandmother, Lauri Moore (73, widow), her uncle Andrew Moore (35, single, fisherman), her aunt Harriet [sic] Mac Neil (32) and Harriet's husband Reuben A. Mac Neil (29, fisherman), and Reuben C. Mac Neil (3) who is listed as Lauri's nephew. Thelma's mother, Lossie Blackledge, is listed in the household just before with her parents, Harrison and Ami [sic] Blackledge.

Lossie McNeil BLACKLEDGE and John JOHNSON married.²⁰ **John JOHNSON**.

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Fifth Generation

18. **William Randolph "Moose" BLACKLEDGE**²⁴ was born on 2 Feb 1941 in New Hanover Co, NC.^{21,22} He graduated in 1960 from Williston Senior High School.²³ He died of heat stroke on 25 Jul 2011 in Chicago, Cook Co, IL.²³ He formerly was from the Sea Breeze Community in Wilmington, New Hanover Co, NC.²³ He worked 27 years at Oscar Mayer and later as a school bus driver.²³

William Randolph "Moose" BLACKLEDGE and Virginia married in 1968.²³ **Virginia.** William Randolph "Moose" BLACKLEDGE and Virginia had the following children:

- +22 i. **Tanika BLACKLEDGE**, born about 1974²³.

Sixth Generation

22. **Tanika BLACKLEDGE** was born about 1974.²³

Tanika BLACKLEDGE had the following children:

- 23 i. <son>²³.

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Descendants of Czar Blackledge

First Generation

1. **Czar BLACKLEDGE**¹. According to his grandson, Rev. Sylvester C. Blackledge, Czar was a slave of William Blackledge about 1815 or 1820, and Czar adopted the Blackledge name.

Czar BLACKLEDGE had the following children:

- +2 i. **James Monroe BLACKLEDGE**, born about 1857, Wilmington, New Hanover Co, NC^{2,3}.

Second Generation

2. **James Monroe BLACKLEDGE** was born about 1857 in Wilmington, New Hanover Co, NC.^{2,3} He appeared in the census in 1880 in Federal Point Twp, New Hanover Co, NC. James M. Blacklige [sic] (23, laborer) and his wife Sarah (24) are with their daughter Febe [sic] Jane Blackledge (5), James Monroe (4), and Silvester (1), and a boarder George A. Low (22, fisherman).

Sarah ATWOOD was born about 1856 in Wilmington, New Hanover Co, NC.^{2,3} James Monroe

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BLACKLEDGE and Sarah ATWOOD had the following children:

- 3 i. **Phoebe Jane BLACKLEDGE** was born about 1875 in NC.³
- +4 ii. **James Monroe BLACKLEDGE**, born on 9 Nov 1876, Myrtle Grove Sound, NC^{2,4-7}; married Catherine HILL, about 1898^{2,5}; died on 20 Dec 1944, Federal Point Twp, New Hanover Co, NC².
- +5 iii. **Rev. Sylvester Carter BLACKLEDGE**, born on 5 Apr 1879, NC^{7,8}; married Avis May WILLIAMS⁷; died in 1954⁸.
- 6 iv. **Amanda BLACKLEDGE** was born in Jul 1881 in NC.⁶ She appeared in the census in 1900 in Federal Point Twp, New Hanover Co, NC. Amanda Blackledge (18, born Jul 1881 in NC) was listed as a sister of James Blackledge and living in his household in the 1900 Census.

Third Generation

4. **James Monroe BLACKLEDGE** was born on 9 Nov 1876 in Myrtle Grove Sound, NC.^{2,4-7} He was shown as 23 and born Nov 1876 in the 1900 Census, 36 and his middle initial was M. on the 1910 Census and but H. on his son James' death certificate and his death certificate gave his middle name as Monroe and had him born in 1877. On his death certificate, James Monroe Blackledge's parents are shown as James Monroe Blackledge born in Wilmington and Sarah Atwood born in Wilmington, NC. He appeared in the census in 1900 in Federal Point Twp, New Hanover Co, NC. James Blackledge (23, born Nov 1876, married 4 years, fisherman) and his wife Catherin [sic] (25, born Apr 1875, married 4 years, mother of 2 children with 2 living) are with their children James H. Blackledge (3, born Nov 1897) and Etta M. (1/12, born Apr 1900). James' sister Amanda Blackledge (18, born Jul 1881, single) is also living with them. All are shown as Black and born in NC.

He appeared in the census in 1910 in Federal Point Twp, New Hanover Co, NC. James M. Blackledge (36, black, married one time for 12 years, fisherman) was listed with his wife Kathryn (38, married one time for 12 years, had given birth to 4 children and all were still living), and children all born in NC: James (11), Etta M. (8), Emmaline (7), and Sylvester (5). He appeared in the census in 1920 in Federal Point Twp, New Hanover Co, NC. Listed just before John T. and Ella I. Blackledge, James M. Blackledge (43, black male, laborer at Carolina Shipyard) and his wife Catherine (49, mulatto female) are with their daughters Etta M. ((19, mulatto female, farm worker) and Emmaline (18, mulatto female, farm worker). All are born in NC as well as their parents.

He appeared in the census in 1930 in Federal Point Twp, New Hanover Co, NC. James M. Blackledge (52, married the first time at age 19, fisherman) and his wife Katherine [sic] (55, married the first time at age 22) had an adopted son James Blackledge (6, born in NC) living with them. He appeared in the census in 1940 in Federal Point Twp, New Hanover Co, NC. His name is difficult to read, but looks like Lowson Blackledge (62, born in NC, completed the third grade of school, fisherman) and his wife Catherine (60, born in NC, completed the fourth grade) are with an adopted son James Blackledge (12, born in NC, completed the third grade) and granddaughter Sadie Fennell (17, born in NC, completed three years of high school). All are shown as being Negro and as living in the same house in 1935. Sadie would be the child of James and Catherine's daughter Emmaline. He died by drowning on 20 Dec 1944 in Federal Point Twp, New Hanover Co, NC.² His death certificate said James had gone out fishing and his body was found in the water near the boat. The certificate (Catherine Blackledge, his wife, informant) stated his parents were James Monroe Blackledge and Sarah Atwood, both born in Wilmington, NC. He was buried on 26 Dec 1944 in Freeman Cemetery, Myrtle Grove Sound, NC.²

James Monroe BLACKLEDGE and Catherine HILL married about 1898.^{2,5} James and Catherine were

shown as married 12 years in the 1910 Census. **Catherine HILL** (daughter of Charlie HILL and Serina ADAMS) was born on 4 Apr 1867 in Myrtle Grove Sound, NC.^{4,5,9} She was a widow who worked as a domestic when she died in 1954.⁹ She died of a coronary embolism on 16 Nov 1954 in Wilmington, New Hanover Co, NC.⁹ She was buried on 17 Nov 1954 in Freeman Cemetery, Myrtle Grove Sound, NC.⁹ James Monroe BLACKLEDGE and Catherine HILL had the following children:

- +7 i. **James Henry BLACKLEDGE**, born on 26 Nov 1897, Myrtle Grove Sound, NC^{4,6,7,10}; married Winnie LOFTON, about 1922¹⁰; died on 5 Jan 1940, Wilmington, New Hanover Co, NC⁴.
- +8 ii. **Etta May BLACKLEDGE**, born in Apr 1900, NC^{5,6,11}; married Alvin E. COOPER¹¹; died on 8 Feb 1927, Myrtle Grove, New Hanover Co, NC¹¹.
- +9 iii. **Emmaline "Emma" BLACKLEDGE**, born about 1903, NC^{5,12}; married Robert FENNELL, on 4 Jan 1923, New Hanover Co, NC^{11,12}.
- 10 iv. **Sylvester BLACKLEDGE** was born in May 1905 in Federal Point Twp, New Hanover Co, NC.¹³ He died of malarial fever on 29 May 1915 in Federal Point Twp, New Hanover Co, NC.¹³ He was buried on 30 May 1915 in Myrtle Grove Sound, NC.¹³
- 11 v. **James Stanley BLACKLEDGE** was born on 26 Nov 1924 in NC.^{14,15} The James would be the adopted son that appears in the 1930 and 1940 census records with James Monroe and Catherine Blackledge. He died on 29 May 1994 in Wilmington, New Hanover Co, NC.^{14,16} The death record for this James Stanley Blackledge says he was single, Black, a longshoreman with the state port, son of James Blackledge and Catherine Hill. However, he would be the adopted son of James and Catherine (Hill) Blackledge. He is called James Stanley Blackledge, Jr. on his WW II draft form which shows James Stanley Blackledge, Sr. of the same address as the person who would always know his address. The middle name of the James Blackledge who married Catherine Hill is Monroe rather than Stanley. Records to indicate who are his birth parents have not yet been found. He served in the U.S. Army.¹⁷ James S. Blackledge, born in 1924 in NC, Negro, enlisted as a private for one year on 17 Dec 1945 at Fort Ord, CA. He had 3 years of high school and was single with dependents.

5. **Rev. Sylvester Carter BLACKLEDGE** was born on 5 Apr 1879 in NC.⁷ That was the year given on his WW I draft form, however his Find A Grave Memorial said he was born in 1882. He was a Methodist minister, married to Avis May Blackledge, when he registered for the WW I draft in Baltimore, MD on 12 Sep 1918.⁸ He appeared in the census in 1920 in Pennsauken, Camden Co, NJ. Sylvester Blackledge (43, born in NC, church minister) and his wife Avis May (30, born in MD) have their daughter Syvania (10, born in VA) living with them. He appeared in the census in 1930 in Washington, D.C. Sylvester C. Blackledge (46, married the first time at age 27, pays \$30 per month rent for his home, Methodist Church minister) and his wife Avis M. (37, married the first time at age 18, hair culturist at home) had their daughter Slyvania Sigmond (20, married at age 19, servant in a private home) and son-in-law Efird Sigmond (23, married at age 22, driver for a flour mill) living with them.

He appeared in the census in 1940 in Newark, New Castle Co, DE. Sylvester is listed as Robert C. Blackledge (61, completed 4 years of high school, preacher, owns his home valued at \$1,000) and is with his wife Avis L. [sic] (52, completed 8 years of school, no occupation) and daughter Sylvania M. Blackledge [sic] (30, married, completed 1 year of high school, housekeeper for a private family) living with him. He was employed by Chippies A.V.M.P. Church when he registered for the WW II draft in Hockessin, New Castle Co, DE in 1942.¹⁵ He lived at 600 K. St. SE in Washington, DC about 1944.¹ He died in 1954.⁸ He was buried in Mount Olive Cemetery, Wilmington, New Castle Co, DE.⁸ His tombstone reads: *Rev. S. C. Blackledge 1882 - 1954.*

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Rev. Sylvester Carter BLACKLEDGE and Avis May WILLIAMS married.⁷ **Avis May WILLIAMS** (daughter of Levin WILLIAMS and Laura NICHOLS) was born on 20 Mar 1888 in MD.^{6,14,18,19} She was listed with her widowed mother, Laura Williams, and siblings in the 1900 Census in Quantico, Wicomico Co, MD. She also was listed as Mrs. Avis M. Blackledge in her brother Willard J. Williams' obituary in 1975. Willard's obituary also listed his parents as Levin and Laura Nichols Williams. She died in Apr 1981.¹⁴ Rev. Sylvester Carter BLACKLEDGE and Avis May WILLIAMS had the following children:

- +12 i. **Sylvania M. BLACKLEDGE**, born about 1910, VA^{10,18}; married Efird SIGMOND, about 1929¹⁰.

Fourth Generation

7. **James Henry BLACKLEDGE**²⁰ was born on 26 Nov 1897 in Myrtle Grove Sound, NC.^{4,6,7,10} James was listed as a son in the family of John T. and Estelle Blackledge in the 1920 Census, but was shown as an adopted son of James Monroe and Catherine Blackledge in the 1930 Census. James and Catherine Hill Blackledge were listed as his parents on James Henry Blackledge's death certificate. Could John T. Blackledge be his birth father, but that he was raised and adopted by James Monroe Blackledge?

He was a laborer with Carolina Shipbuilding Company when he registered for the draft in Wilmington, New Hanover Co, NC on 12 Sep 1913.⁷ James listed his mother, Catherine Blackledge, as his nearest relative on the draft form. He appeared in the census in 1930 in Federal Point Twp, New Hanover Co, NC. James M. [sic] Blackledge Jr. (32, married at age 24, restaurant operator) and his wife Winnie M. (29, married at age 21) are with their children: Anzie [sic] R. (son, 7), Katherine [sic] (4), and Janie (2). He died of acute nephritis from exposure to the cold, at Wilmington Community Hospital on 5 Jan 1940 in Wilmington, New Hanover Co, NC.⁴ He was buried on 7 Jan 1940 in Myrtle Grove Sound, NC.⁴ He was a merchant who had a grocery store and filling station.⁴

James Henry BLACKLEDGE and Winnie LOFTON married about 1922.¹⁰ The 1930 Census shows James, 32, married at age 24 and Winnie M., 29, married at age 21 or abt 8 years before. **Winnie LOFTON**^{4,20} (daughter of Calib LOFTON and Sarah LOFTON) was born on 9 May 1900 in NC.²¹⁻²⁴ Her maiden name was spelled Lofton in the 1920 Census and on her mother's death certificate which also said Sarah's husband was Calib Lofton, deceased. Mrs. Winnie Blackledge was the informant for her mother's death certificate. She appeared in the census in 1940 in Federal Point Twp, New Hanover Co, NC. Winnie Blackledge (30, widow, proprietress of a pavillion) was head of the household consisting of her children: Lindsey (16), Catherine (14), Janie (8), Irene (7), and Larnice [sic] (5). All were shown as Negro and born in NC and all the children were single. She died on 13 Jan 1995 in Wilmington, New Hanover Co, NC.^{23,24} She apparently married a Mr. Bryant after James H. Blackledge died.²⁴ Her name on the death record is Winnie Lofton Bryant, age 94, widow, Black. James Henry BLACKLEDGE and Winnie LOFTON had the following children:

- 13 i. **<baby daughter> BLACKLEDGE** was born on 29 Aug 1922 in Wilmington, New Hanover Co, NC.²⁵ She died [stillborn] on 29 Aug 1922 in Wilmington, New Hanover Co, NC.²⁵ She was buried on 30 Aug 1922 in Oak Grove Cemetery.²⁵
- +14 ii. **Lindsey R. BLACKLEDGE Sr.**, born in Sep 1923^{10,14,26}; died on 2 Aug 1964, Cook Co, IL^{14,27}.
- +15 iii. **Catherine BLACKLEDGE**, born on 9 Dec 1925, Wilmington, New Hanover Co, NC^{20,26,28}.
- 16 iv. **Jannie "Janie" BLACKLEDGE** was born on 9 Sep 1927 in New Hanover Co,

- NC.²⁰
- 17 v. **Irene BLACKLEDGE** was born on 10 Jun 1932.²⁰
- 18 vi. **Gladys Larneice BLACKLEDGE** was born on 7 Nov 1934 in New Hanover Co, NC.²⁰

8. **Etta May BLACKLEDGE**²⁹ was born in Apr 1900 in NC.^{5,6,11} She died of acute nephritis on 8 Feb 1927 in Myrtle Grove, New Hanover Co, NC.¹¹

Etta May BLACKLEDGE and Alvin E. COOPER married.¹¹ **Alvin E. COOPER**²⁹. Etta May BLACKLEDGE and Alvin E. COOPER had the following children:

- +19 i. **Delilah COOPER**, born on 28 Jul 1926, NC²⁹; married Roy L. GOGANIOUS²⁹; died on 31 May 1973, Wilmington, New Hanover Co, NC²⁹.

9. **Emmaline "Emma" BLACKLEDGE** was born about 1903 in NC.^{5,12}

<unknown>. Emmaline "Emma" BLACKLEDGE and <unknown> had the following children:

- 20 i. **Irish BLACKLEDGE** was born on 19 Aug 1921 in New Hanover Co, NC.²⁰ His father was entered as *unknown* on the birth record.

Henry JAMES was born in Myrtle Grove, New Hanover Co, NC.³⁰ Emmaline "Emma" BLACKLEDGE and Henry JAMES had the following children:

- 21 i. **Noli BLACKLEDGE** was born about 1922 in Myrtle Grove Sound, Federal Point Twp, New Hanover Co, NC.³⁰ He died on 3 May 1928 in Wilmington, New Hanover Co, NC.³⁰ He was buried on 4 May 1928 in Myrtle Grove Sound, Federal Point Twp, New Hanover Co, NC.³⁰ He may be the same child called Irish, born in 1921. No father was listed on the birth record for Irish Blackledge, and no birth record for Noli was found.

Emmaline "Emma" BLACKLEDGE and Robert FENNELL married on 4 Jan 1923 in New Hanover Co, NC.^{11,12} **Robert FENNELL**²⁶ was born about 1900.¹² Emmaline "Emma" BLACKLEDGE and Robert FENNELL had the following children:

- 22 i. **Sadie FENNELL** was born on 20 Jul 1923 in New Hanover Co, NC.²⁶

12. **Sylvania M. BLACKLEDGE** was born about 1910 in VA.^{10,18}

Sylvania M. BLACKLEDGE and Efird SIGMOND married about 1929.¹⁰ **Efird SIGMOND** was born about 1907 in WV.¹⁰ He is not listed with Sylvania and her parents in the census taken in 1940.²¹

Fifth Generation

14. **Lindsey R. BLACKLEDGE Sr.**²⁶ was born in Sep 1923.^{10,14,26} Lindsay's birthday was the 6th on NC Birth Index but the 9th on the SSDI. He would be the son whose name looks like Anzie R. in the

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1930 Census. He died on 2 Aug 1964 in Cook Co, IL.^{14,27}

Amelia MITCHELL³¹. Lindsey R. BLACKLEDGE Sr. and Amelia MITCHELL had the following children:

- +23 i. **Lindsey BLACKLEDGE Jr.**, born on 12 Apr 1950, New Hanover Co, NC^{26,32,33}; married Sang Suk LEE³¹; died on 31 Jul 1986, Durham, Durham Co, NC³¹⁻³³.
- +24 ii. **Gerald Anthony BLACKLEDGE Sr.**, born on 15 Mar 1951, New Hanover Co, NC^{20,24}; married Sharon Denise SAMUELS, on 21 May 1977, Wilmington, New Hanover Co, NC^{31,34}; died on 17 Sep 1993, Wilmington, New Hanover Co, NC^{24,31}.
- 25 iii. **Lisa Deborah BLACKLEDGE** was born on 4 Mar 1952 in New Hanover Co, NC.²⁰

15. **Catherine BLACKLEDGE** was born on 9 Dec 1925 in Wilmington, New Hanover Co, NC.^{20,26,28}

Harvey LOWE²⁰. Catherine BLACKLEDGE and Harvey LOWE had the following children:

- 26 i. **Erma Deloris LOWE** was born on 11 Dec 1941 in New Hanover Co, NC.²⁰

Bernard SPICER²⁰ was born in Wilmington, New Hanover Co, NC.²⁸ Catherine BLACKLEDGE and Bernard SPICER had the following children:

- 27 i. **<daughter> BLACKLEDGE** was born on 6 Nov 1943 in Wilmington, New Hanover Co, NC.^{28,31} She died at Community Hospital of prematurity on 6 Nov 1943 in Wilmington, New Hanover Co, NC.^{28,31} The baby lived only 2 hours 25 minutes. She was buried in Pine Forest Cemetery, NC.²⁸
- 28 ii. **<son> BLACKLEDGE** was born on 22 Aug 1944 in New Hanover Co, NC.²⁰

19. **Delilah COOPER** was born on 28 Jul 1926 in NC.²⁹ She died of liver failure due to sickle cell disease on 31 May 1973 in Wilmington, New Hanover Co, NC.²⁹ She was buried on 3 Jun 1973 in Oak Grove Cemetery, Wilmington, New Hanover Co, NC.²⁹

Delilah COOPER and Roy L. GOGANIOUS married.²⁹ **Roy L. GOGANIOUS**.

Sixth Generation

23. **Lindsey BLACKLEDGE Jr.** was born on 12 Apr 1950 in New Hanover Co, NC.^{26,32,33} He died on 31 Jul 1986 in Durham, Durham Co, NC.³¹⁻³³ He was buried on 4 Aug 1986 in Wilmington National Cemetery, Wilmington, New Hanover Co, NC.^{32,33} (Section 1, Site 680-F). He served in the U.S. Army in Vietnam.^{8,33,35} A SFC, Lindsey was discharged 12 June 1986.

Lindsey BLACKLEDGE Jr. and Sang Suk LEE married.³¹ **Sang Suk LEE**.

24. **Gerald Anthony BLACKLEDGE Sr.** was born on 15 Mar 1951 in New Hanover Co, NC.^{20,24} He died on 17 Sep 1993 in Wilmington, New Hanover Co, NC.^{24,31} He was buried in NC.²⁴

Rona Denise BARNES²⁰. Gerald Anthony BLACKLEDGE Sr. and Rona Denise BARNES had the following children:

- 29 i. **Tekea Shante BLACKLEDGE** was born on 14 Jun 1977 in New Hanover Co, NC.²⁰ The birth record shows Tekea's parents as Geral Blackledge and Rona Denise Barnes.

Gerald Anthony BLACKLEDGE Sr. and Sharon Denise SAMUELS married on 21 May 1977 in Wilmington, New Hanover Co, NC.^{31,34} **Sharon Denise SAMUELS** was born about 1959.³⁴ Gerald Anthony BLACKLEDGE Sr. and Sharon Denise SAMUELS had the following children:

- 30 i. **Gerald Anthony BLACKLEDGE Jr.** was born on 24 Jul 1979 in New Hanover Co, NC.²⁰
- 31 ii. **Terrie Lynette BLACKLEDGE** was born on 23 Oct 1980 in New Hanover Co, NC.²⁰
- 32 iii. **Lamar Curley BLACKLEDGE** was born on 22 Sep 1981 in New Hanover Co, NC.²⁶
- 33 iv. **Tonya Renee BLACKLEDGE** was born on 7 Apr 1991 in New Hanover Co, NC.²⁰
- 34 v. **Amelia Diana BLACKLEDGE** was born on 9 Feb 1993 in New Hanover Co, NC.²⁰

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Tennessee

Descendants of Bert L. Blackledge

First Generation

1. **Bert L. BLACKLEDGE Sr.** was born about 1903 in MS.¹ He appeared in the census in 1930 in

Philipp, Tallahatchie Co, MS. Bert L. Blackledge (27, Negro, born in MS, married at age 21, general public laborer) was listed with his wife Emma G. (24, Negro, born in MS, married at age 20).

Bert L. BLACKLEDGE Sr. and Emma G. married.¹ **Emma G.** was born about 1910 in MS.¹ Bert L. BLACKLEDGE Sr. and Emma G. had the following children:

- +2 i. **Bert L. BLACKLEDGE Jr.**, born on 3 Oct 1931^{2,3}; married Alice²; died on 23 Dec 1998, Memphis, Shelby Co, TN²⁻⁴.

Second Generation

2. **Bert L. BLACKLEDGE Jr.** was born on 3 Oct 1931.^{2,3} He died at his home of cancer on 23 Dec 1998 in Memphis, Shelby Co, TN.²⁻⁴ At that time, all his children lived in Memphis, TN, and the Tennessee Deaths database showed he was a widower. He was a retired employee of Jones Truck Lines.²

Bert L. BLACKLEDGE Jr. and Alice married.² **Alice** was born about 1930 and died on 26 Jul 1982 in Shelby Co, TN.^{2,4} Bert L. BLACKLEDGE Jr. and Alice had the following children:

- 3 i. **Bert Lee BLACKLEDGE III**² was born on 27 Aug 1949.⁵ He served from 3 Jan 1969 to 20 Jul 1970 in the U.S. Marine Corps in Vietnam.^{5,6} (LCpl). He died on 14 Apr 2003 in Shelby Co, TN.^{4,5} The Tennessee Deaths database showed he was divorced when he died. He was buried on 21 Apr 2003 in West Tennessee Veterans Cemetery, Memphis, TN.^{5,6} (Section R, Site 9214).
- +4 ii. **Mary BLACKLEDGE**, married RICHMOND².
- +5 iii. **Wendy BLACKLEDGE**, married ELLIS².
- +6 iv. **Karen BLACKLEDGE**, married BANKS².
- 7 v. **Charles BLACKLEDGE**².
- 8 vi. **Darryl BLACKLEDGE**².

Third Generation

4. **Mary BLACKLEDGE**².

Mary BLACKLEDGE and RICHMOND married.² **RICHMOND**.

5. **Wendy BLACKLEDGE**².

Wendy BLACKLEDGE and ELLIS married.² **ELLIS**.

6. **Karen BLACKLEDGE**².

Karen BLACKLEDGE and BANKS married.² **BANKS**.

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Closing

It is a fond wish of the compilers of this book that the research presented for the African-American Blackledge families listed in this chapter will help launch further historical and genealogical research. In 2013, the web site AfriGeneas.com, a site devoted to African American genealogy, had more than 20,000 African-American surnames, but only one submittal of BLACKLEDGE. The Afri-American Historical and Genealogical Society (AAHGS.org), headquartered in Washington, D.C., identifies chapters in five of the six states used as geographical collection points for the families listed in this chapter (no chapter identified in Louisiana). Most likely numerous efforts are currently underway to research these families. The compilers would appreciate any additional information in this area.